

WHY MAO TSE-TUNG WENT TO MOSCOW

Peking leader concerned over Manchuria control SEEKS UNITED RED CHINA

Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Peoples Central Government, is in Moscow to discuss three subjects—concerning his government's internal and external problems—with Marshal Stalin, the "China Mail" learned last night.

China not lost to Communists, Jessup says

Long Beach, Calif., December 22. China is not lost to the Communists, the United States Ambassador at large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, said here. "Just because the Communists are now in power, we do not feel that China is lost. If we said after the fall of Bataan that we had lost the war, it would be a comparable situation," he said. Dr. Jessup was interviewed in his suite on the liner President Cleveland, on board which he and Mrs. Jessup sail today. He will confer with General MacArthur in Japan and then attend a conference of all Far East Ambassadors at Bangkok on February 10—Reuters.

Fighting at Chengtu near climax

Honolulu, December 22. Powerful Communist columns came within artillery range of Chengtu today as heavy fighting around the former capital neared a climax, according to reports here.

One Communist column already had severed the highway between Chengtu and Haining and, thereby, destroying the possibility of air evacuation of any of the Chengtu defenders. However, the highway leading from Chengtu to Sikang Province stood open for an overland retreat.

Nationalist General Hu Tsung-nan was reported putting up a valiant fight with 80,000 Nationalist forces against double that number of Communists but the numerical superiority of the Communists apparently was grinding the Nationalist forces into smaller and smaller segments.

Official sources in Taipei said today the report about the recapture of Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, was "preliminary."

They added there was no official confirmation that the defenders were ousted from Yunnan Province.

A source at Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters said the only real information was a Chinese air force reconnaissance plane report that General Li's troops were seen entering Kunming Airport. The source said since then no official information has been received—United Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (2 PM, HKT) pressure remains high over China, Japan and the surrounding seas.
Today's forecast—light to moderate E. wind, cloudy with some light local drizzle at first.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 65.0 deg. F.
Minimum: 51.0 deg. F.
Sunshine: 0.1 hour.
Rainfall: Trace.
Total since Jan. 1—2094.6 mm.—282.5 in. as against an average of 1822.5 mm.—229.4 in.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 62.0
5 p.m. 64.0
Baro. at sea level: 1017.5—1014.0 m.b.
Fahrenheit: 80.5—89.0
Rel. Humidity: 77—85
New Point: 64
Wind Direction: ESE: 15 by 8
Wind Force: 10 knots
Tides:
High: 10.4
Low: 2.1
Low: 0.1
Low: 0.7
Low: 1.0

Independent sources said that the three subjects are: (1) the unification of Communist China under one leadership; (2) whether or not to demobilise the greater part of the 5,000,000 Communist troops; and (3) whether or not to carry the Communist campaign into Indo-China and Burma.

The sources said that any published pact that might result from Mao's visit to Moscow is incidental.

They added that the Chinese Communist leader is fully aware that economic help from the Soviet would not be available as such assistance has not been provided for Sovietised states in Europe.

They said that Moscow may take the opportunity of Mao's visit to conclude a trade agreement as there are in China mineral resources which the Soviet needs.

The "China Mail" informant said that Mao in concerned over the control of Manchuria which is virtually in the hands of the international clique of the Chinese Communist Party.

Although the Peoples Central Government had previously announced the dissolution of the North China Peoples Government, it still exists under the control of the international clique which includes such Communists as Li Lisan. The international clique takes orders direct from Moscow.

Necessity for unity

Mao Tse-tung, they added, has made the journey to Moscow to assure Stalin that the overall policy of the Chinese Communists does not conflict with Moscow's and to convince him of the necessity of having the whole of Communist China under the Central Government.

The next big problem is the 5,000,000-Communist troops under arms.

The Peoples Central Government at Peking has already announced the conclusion of the Communist military campaign to "liberate" China and that the troops are to be diverted into factories, farms and other productive enterprises.

The sources added that the Chinese Communists do not want to be caught napping in the event of a Third World War. They realise that only Moscow can give them any idea whether there will be a third world war or not and when it is likely to break out.

Mao Tse-tung, they said, wishes to demobilise the greater part of the Peoples Liberation Army. He wants to put the men into factories and on farms to build up the country's economy which is steadily crumbling at present.

This he cannot do unless he is assured there will be no third world war in the near future.

Vietnam and Burma Reds

The third question is whether Stalin will approve the joining up of the Chinese Communists with the Vietnam and Burma Communists.

The "China Mail" informant said that Mao Tse-tung wants to link up particularly with the Vietnamese Communists because he needs rice from Indo-China for his armies in South China. They added that lack of reaction from the Chinese Communists to Burma's recognition of the Peoples Central Government is significant. The Chinese Communists would be considerably embarrassed should they join up with the Burma Communists after accepting Burma's recognition of their government.

HK Volunteers on manoeuvres



Sergeant Finnis of the Middlesex Regiment, attached as an instructor to the Carrier Platoon, HKVDF, issuing instructions to the crew of a carrier prior to the start of the exercise carried out in the hills near Fanling yesterday. (See story on Page 3).—"China Mail" photo.

Malaya civilians to join drive against terrorists

Singapore, December 22.

All civilian resources in Malaya are to be voluntarily mobilised early in the New Year to join with the security forces to try to deal a knock-out blow to the country's Communist terrorists.

Announcing the scheme in Kuala Lumpur today, the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, said that certain non-essential Government departments will be closed down to provide extra men for the battle.

He told the Legislative Council that the all-out drive against the guerrillas would last for one month. "It will work right down to the district level, touching school-teachers and headmen," Sir Henry said.

"We know that among these local Communists there is despondency and a lowering of morale, but they are still able by means of futile and useless murder, intimidation and skulking to persuade people that they are able to keep the emergency alive."

There was an attitude in Malaya of "business as usual," but if people were not careful it might mean no business at all, he warned.

The Malay, Indian and Chinese members of the Council spoke in support of the plan for a concerted effort.

MacDonald guarded
Meanwhile in Bangkok, Thailand's Premier, Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, has personally guaranteed the safety of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, now on a visit to Thailand. Thailand Government source disclosed today.

Tension developing last weekend by disaffected Thailand army groups had caused grave British diplomatic concern. The police guard surrounding the British Embassy in Bangkok has been on edge during Mr. MacDonald's trip, and jeep loads of armed police escort him on all journeys.

Mr. MacDonald and the British Ambassador in Bangkok, Sir Geoffrey Thompson, have spent several hours daily since December 20, exchanging information with Marshal Pibul and his ministers.

Mr. MacDonald said today the general atmosphere of the talks was "most cordial" and that the personal diplomatic contact between Britain and Thailand at the highest level had proved valuable.

Mr. MacDonald said he personally reported to the Thai Government that the generous police co-operation of Thailand had contributed to the suppression of Communist terrorism in both countries.

He also gave his personal impressions to Marshal Pibul that the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China was attracting increasing support from genuine Indo-Chinese nationalists, who saw in the ex-Emperor Bao Dai the best hope of gaining the three main aims of internal stability, political freedom and external recognition.

Mr. MacDonald in reply to a question said he believed South East Asia could still be defended against Communism but this required immediate concerted efforts by all friendly democracies.

Inquiry into fate of Jap POW's asked

Tokyo, December 22. General MacArthur today announced he was requesting the United States Government to ask Switzerland or the International Red Cross to investigate the "tragic fate of 370,000 missing Japanese prisoners."

General MacArthur added that the request was based on the wise recommendation of Lieutenant-Colonel Roy Hodgson at the Allied Council on December 21.

Commenting on the Russian walk-out from the Council, General MacArthur said: "I can well understand the reluctance of the Soviet member to listen to so gruesome and savage a story in all its harrowing barbarity. It could well chill and sicken even a hardened old soldier."

"General MacArthur described as 'probably dead' the hundreds of thousands of missing prisoners."

A letter from Lieutenant-General Derzyanko, head of the Russian mission on December 21, charging oppression of workers by the Japanese Government was a "smoke screen" to distract attention from investigation of "the dreadful fate" of the missing prisoners. The Russian charges were "truth-eaten" and "propaganda," declared General MacArthur.

Sitdown strike

Four hundred Japanese began a sit-down strike in front of the iron gate of the Soviet Embassy today as they demanded the Russians as "liars" for failure to keep their promise to reply on reparations statistics, adds United Press.

They said they would continue their sit-down strike "indefinitely" until the Russian Embassy fulfilled its promise made a week ago that they would see five Japanese delegates at 2 p.m. today.

The sit-down strike was decided after a brief tussle between the Japanese and the Soviet guards. The gate was opened as an Embassy automobile left the premises. As the Soviet guards attempted to close the gate the Japanese tried to force their way in and pushed but the guards proved stronger and succeeded in closing the gate.

Matsuo Yoshida, executive secretary of the Tokyo committee of the "National Council for Abolition of Reparation from Abroad," told the United Press that the sit-down strikers would be served noodles and that charcoal fires would be started to keep them as comfortable as possible. — Reuters and United Press.

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TRAM WORKERS GIVE ULTIMATUM TO MANAGEMENT

Workers of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited yesterday afternoon handed the management their ultimatum demanding acceptance of their demand for a HK\$3-a-day special allowance by 5 a.m. tomorrow.

The ultimatum did not say the men would go on strike if the demand was not accepted.

It stated that in the event of non acceptance anything that might arise after that date would be a matter for which the Company must accept responsibility.

Following the presentation of the ultimatum the following statement was issued by the management of the Tramway Company.

"On December 2 the Tramway Workers' Union lodged demands on five points as follows:—

- (1) Payment of a special allowance at the rate of \$3 per day to the workers of all grades with effect from December 1, 1949.
- (2) Payment of 30 days' wages and allowance as New Year Bonus payable at the end of the Gregorian calendar year with effect from 1949.
- (3) Payment of \$500 as 'Funeral Expenses Allowance' to the dependents of any worker who passes away whilst in the employ of the Company.
- (4) Reclassification of tram drivers as skilled artisans on a pay scale of \$1.00 per day.
- (5) Revising the wage scale for apprentice workers.

"After very careful consideration by the Board of Directors, the Company, in its reply of December 15, agreed to point (2) with the Bonus payable prior to China's New Year in accordance with the established custom, and to the substance of the requests on points (3) and (5). The Board found the demands under (1) and (4) unreasonable and informed the Union that these two demands could not be accepted."

"Dealing then with the two rejected demands and dealing first with (1), being a demand for an additional payment at the rate of \$3 per day, it was pointed out that as the Rehabilitation Allowance announced each month by Government had been increased in recent months, the Board found no justification for departing from the official scale. It may be mentioned that the present Rehabilitation Allowance paid to the Tramway workers is on the basis of the announced figure of \$3.00 a day."

Dismissals

"As regards the dismissals, two of these cases referred to related to a prosecution in the Magistrate's Court reported in the press on Wednesday, December 7, and Sunday, December 11, in which two employees, one of whom pleaded guilty, were convicted for assault on a passenger and fined. A third case refers to an investigation of the Union by a supervisory official, in which the offender's services were dispensed with upon pay in lieu of notice. Each of these cases has since been fully re-heard upon appeal by the Management in the presence of the Union representatives. The original penalties were confirmed."

"During the afternoon of December 19 the Company was informed by letter by the Commissioner of Labour that the Union had placed before him a précis in writing of the dispute and requesting the mediation of the Labour Department. The Commissioner appointed Wednesday, December 21, for a meeting to be held at the Office of his Department and requested the attendance of representatives of the Company. An affirmative reply was immediately notified."

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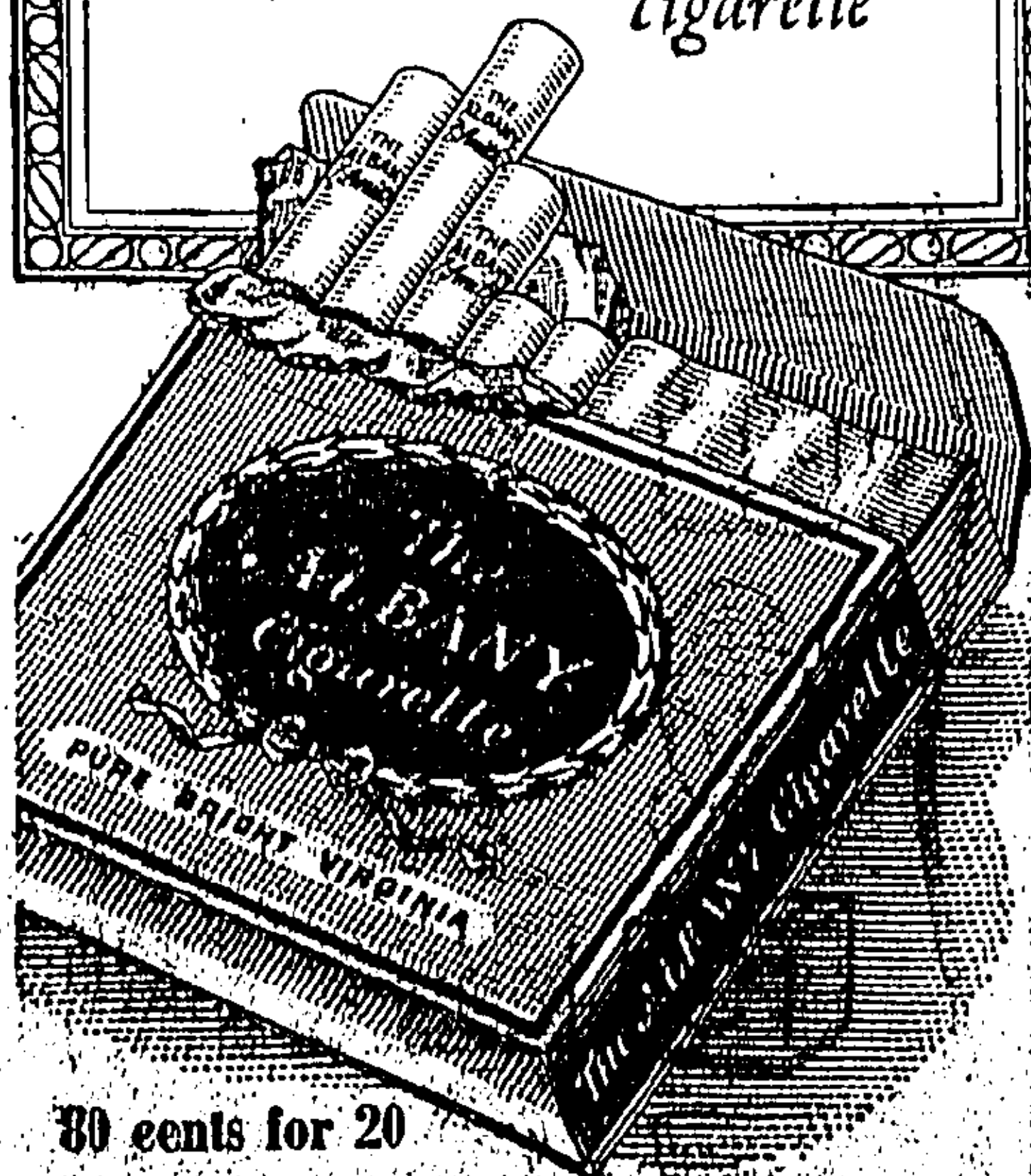
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Tribute to Carol-singers

Sir—This is my first Christmas in the Colony, and no doubt like many others, my thoughts are of home and of the many joys connected with an English Christmas. I miss the white glistering snow and the sight of children making snow-balls and the sound of their voices as they triumphantly sing a "Holly-ivy" or an "unassuming" hymn. I miss the white frosts that "flick" from the windows and the warm glow of the traditional Christmas fire. But most of all, I miss the carol-singers—the voices of children in the streets and of adults in the houses, singing with gusto by the light of a flickering fire. I should miss the carol-singers most of all. But on Tuesday night I heard the most delightful sound of voices, perfectly blended, singing "Holly-ivy" and "The First Noel" by the light of a fire. They sang a selection of hymns, and not only would I like to express my appreciation for this warm gesture through your columns, but I would also like to say that the hymns were beautifully rendered, and I am sure that they have the thanks and gratitude of all who had the privilege of listening to them. Yours etc., B. D.

Landlords and tenants

Sir, In my letter of Tuesday, I admitted there are "quaint" landlords, but I repeat that landlords are not the only exploiters. Take the case of my particular tenant who was preparing to sub-let my flat with a few pieces of his own furniture thrown in for a sum that would pay off part of the rent. This was due to me. In other words, he would have had the use of flat for one year at a "dirt-cheap" rental, at the expense of his would-be sub-tenant. And this is not the only case.

Yours etc., LANDLORD.

LUNA PARK OPENING CEREMONIES

Close to 30,000 people paid \$1 admission yesterday and today 330 members on their tour after the curtain arose on Hong Kong's multi-million dollar new playground, Luna Park.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was among a distinguished crowd invited by the management to take part in the official opening ceremonies. Mr. Al Richardson, the Park's manager, told the "China Mail" yesterday: "I am satisfied with the public's response. It keeps us, we'll be all right."

With electrical current amply supplied by the Hong Kong Electric Company, all the 12 joy rides dotting the playground were in full operation yesterday. They were well patronized.

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In the meantime the Company informed the Union representatives that it saw no reason to alter its decision of December 16 in regard to points (1) and (4) raised by the Union in their letter of December 2.

"At a meeting held at the office of the Commissioner of Labour on Wednesday, the discussions centred upon demand (7), namely, a special allowance of \$2 per week which would be paid to the workers if the agreement could be reached."

"As there appeared to be a deadlock the Commissioner of Labour said it was his duty to propose to the parties concerned that they should submit the dispute to arbitration. The Union representatives said they were not in favour of going to arbitration but that they would require to refer that question to a meeting of their members. The representatives of the Company replied that had the Union agreed to arbitration, the Company would have also agreed."

"It appears that the Union has rejected arbitration as a 'bitter pill' and that the workers are demanding an extra \$1000-a-month allowance."

There was no further development in the overall labour situation yesterday. The Hong Kong Electric Company was told by the management that no decision had as yet been reached on their demand for a \$1000-a-month allowance, and they were asked to come again at 11 a.m. today for a final offer.

Workers of the Hong Kong Telephone Company also met tonight to discuss what further action should be taken following

The popular Merry-Go-Round



Pamphlet in America and Britain for the thrill it gives, the Merry-Go-Round, one of the most popular 'amusement' rides, the new Luna Park, amply demonstrated the capacity to please yesterday after the 'Holly-ivy' opened. Photographs show the crowd having their fill of the 'Holly-ivy' ride.

Hong Kong annual trade report issued

Despite the rapidly deteriorating situation in China, the volume of trade passing through Hong Kong during the year ending in March 1949 was greater than it had been before, and there was no apparent lessening in the prosperity of the Colony.

This was stated by Mr. K. Keen, the acting Director of Commerce and Industry, in his current report recently published.

Mr. Keen said that revenue collected during the year amounted to some \$43 million, a fall of \$9 million compared with the year before, but still \$7 million better than the revenue for 1948/49.

The report said the main features of the year were:—

1) The increase in the flow of imports from the U.S.

2) The increase both in imports from the pattern set in the United Kingdom.

3) The maintenance of the trade with China at about the same level as the previous year, in spite of the difficulties that country was going through.

Trade controls were in force throughout the year, and there was a little hope of dispensing with the system of import and export licensing in the near future, but controls have been kept to as low a level as is compatible with the conservation of the Colony's foreign exchange resources and of those countries essential for local reconstruction, the Department said.

The work of the Department during the past year has followed closely the pattern set in the previous year, the drive against smuggling—both into and out of China—continued. The smuggling into China (Control) ordinance, which gave effect to the Sino-British Customs Pact of January 1948, was passed in October, and the duties of the 'duty-free' staff.

Trade with W. Europe. Trade with Western Europe showed no sign as yet of a return to its pre-war volume, but trade with South East Asia, Japan and Korea continued to improve.

Trade with North China. Towards the end of the year, the report disclosed, a beginning was made in trading with North China, and there was hope that this trade will prosper, although at the time of writing it is still on a fairly small scale.

Exports to China for the year totalled \$302 million, compared with \$240 million in the previous year. Imports from China valued at \$465 million, compared with \$373 million for the year before.

The total value of all imports into Hong Kong increased by 25 per cent compared with 1947/48, while exports from Hong Kong showed a rise of 37 per cent.

During the year the Colony participated for the first time in the British Industries Fair, and the success which attended this venture has encouraged the Colony's business community to exhibit again in 1950. Since the Department was closely connected with the planning and organization, it can claim a fair share of the credit for the success of this enterprise, the report said.

Traffic in heroin, which had almost disappeared after the decline of the 'duty-free' staff, is now steadily on the increase, according to the report. Since the preparation of direct-morphine (heroin) pills for a great deal of technical knowledge, it is probable that the 'duty-free' staff is now the centre of the pre-war Japanese trade, and smuggled from there down to Hong Kong.

There were 83 heroin cases, and 53,733 pills seized during the year, as against 13 cases and 1,070 pills seized during the previous year.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The St. John's Cathedral Choir will sing a programme of Christmas Carols at Government House today at 6.30 p.m.

The programme will be repeated at the Queen Mary Hospital grounds at 7.10 p.m. Members of the public may attend.

Canadian freighter missing

The Canadian freighter Lake Canim (J. A. Wright) which left Hong Kong on December 8 for Shanghai with 3,000 tons of cargo, was reported missing by the owners yesterday.

Mr. John Macneil, President of the Western Canadian Steamship Company, owners of the ship, reported the disappearance of the ship in Shanghai waters.

"We are waiting for word from her now," he added. "We have not heard anything since she left Hong Kong, but I hope she made it okay."

Mr. Macneil also stated that it was "rather difficult to get information from Shanghai just now" and the 10,000-ton freighter would continue to run the blockade "so long as we can find any business for her."

TAA PLANE IN KUNMING

A Trans Asiatic Airways aircraft which left here for Kunming on Wednesday, did not return here yesterday as originally planned.

The aircraft, which was chartered by the Chinese agent, was the first commercial aircraft to have gone to Kunming, which the Nationalists have recently recaptured from the Communists.

According to an official of TAA, the aircraft will stay overnight in Kunming and return here some time today.

The Port Health Office of the Medical Department has arranged for the first stage of vaccination and vaccination centre to remain open Tuesday and on January 2 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Progress of Christian Church in China

Today we are entering into yet another phase in the life of the Chinese Christian Church. Many people are fearful, both among foreign as well as Chinese Christians, said the Rev. Mr. B. Dart, speaking at the Y. M. C. Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

"Can the Church survive in a situation which may not be as open as it used to be? It is a thought which presses heavily upon the minds of many people here today," he added.

Mr. Dart was speaking of the "Christian Revolution" in China, and gave his audience a bird's eye view of the progress of Christianity in China.

"The Chinese Church is changing today. What is a heart-warming thought is to see the way in which many of the Chinese Church leaders are facing up to the present challenges and seeking to adapt themselves to the new situation."

Mr. Dart went through the history of the Chinese Christian Church in China from A.D. 1840 down to quite modern times. "It is a bird's eye view of the progress of Christianity in China," he said.

Christmas shoppers throng stores in last-minute rush

With only two days to go, last-minute Christmas shoppers thronged Central District stores yesterday in a final bid to do justice to the spirit of Yuletide.

A survey disclosed that several hundred thousand dollars worth of gifts were bought by young and old for mutual exchanges of presents on Christmas Day.

All toy departments reported brisk trade, especially in sales of British-made Meccano sets and French dolls. Dealers in sweets and chocolates said that this year's sale appeared to matter very little to most people, who bought fancy-boxed chocolates regardless of expense.

To meet the rush, most Central District stores remained open last night until well after 10 p.m. One sales manager said Chinese purchasers formed the bulk of his evening business, while Europeans mostly did their shopping in the daytime.

All the larger stores on this island and on the mainland spent small fortunes this year on decorations symbolizing the spirit of Christmas. At least six stores employed special people to play Santa Claus in the toy departments, which radiated for the first time since the war Hong Kong's famous tradition of abundance in the world of toys.

Christmas trees, holly wreaths, poinsettia arrangements, red and white garlands, and other festive touches of shop-window displays. Coloured lights added glitz to the festive array of famous manufactured goods, cigarette cases, fancy neckties, plastic ware and toilet articles which attracted buyers like a magnet.

A record. One sales manager said that this year's Christmas trade when last year's sales were still probably prove to be the most profitable in the colony's history.

The excessive population, prosperity, refugees, and plentiful supply of money were given as the main reasons for the Christmas spending impulse. In hotels, restaurants, institutions, schools and private homes, preparations were also being completed yesterday for the observance of Yuletide.

Hotels' galas. Menus, sparingly made of the traditional Christmas delicacies, will tempt the diners in all hotels on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will be imported turkeys, plum puddings, choice French viandets, Brazilian nuts, preserved American crystallized fruit, Dutch cheese, British crackers and Canadian venison.

Christmas Eve will be celebrated with gala dances at most of the leading ball rooms here. There will be special give-aways like balloons, hats and noise-makers.

The religious element of Christmas has not been forgotten, and many churches are planning the historical observance. The Catholics will celebrate their usual Midnight Mass at all churches.

Christmas, one well-known social worker said yesterday, has always been a time of good cheer in Hong Kong. This year, because of the distress in China, public celebration will be somewhat subdued—but the spirit of Yuletide will shine with an even greater lustre than before.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. Staff members of the P. H. American World Airways station in the Colony held a Christmas party at the P. H. Dairy Farm Restaurant last night.

All members of the aviation company and some of their friends attended.

Rotarians to contribute to Services club

For the first quarter of 1950 all fines collected from Rotarians will be forwarded for the purchase of equipment for the Nine Dragoon Services Club. It was announced at the meeting of the Kowloon Rotary Club yesterday.

Rotarians also unanimously accepted the proposal that part of yesterday's funds be forwarded to the Services Club equipment fund, proposed by Rotarian F. C. Cline, and members donate to the fund was fully endorsed. Rotarian D. S. Hill of the Hong Kong Club spoke on the Rotary Foundation Fellowship for advanced studies. The speaker explained that the object of the foundation was to promote international fellowship in accordance with the object of the fourth object of Rotary.

Rotarian Hill then proceeded to explain the procedure of candidate nomination and selection. He said that each Rotary Club sponsors one candidate who must have special qualifications such as good health, good moral character and a forceful personality. The candidate, Rotarian Hill said, must also have a B. A. degree or the equivalent of the standard of a senior student of a North American University. The candidate must have an interest in current affairs and a reasonably good knowledge of his country's history.

The object, Mr. Hill said, was to have the successful candidate sent to universities abroad and there to inform his fellow students and others of his own country's social, political and cultural affairs and also to bring home to his own people the qualities of the people of his land of visit; in this way contributing to international fellowship and understanding between people of various countries.

The speaker said that there were 30 of these Rotary-sponsored students in the world on the interchange plan. Twenty-nine of them were American citizens, he said, because the United States has more Rotary Clubs than all the other Rotary countries in the world combined.

Mr. Hill ended his talk with an appeal to Kowloon Rotarians to support the Foundation Fellowship. It was the best way, he said, of helping to foster international goodwill which is a main purpose of Rotary, he said.

U.S. Sailors in robbery attempt

A Police report said that last night two American sailors were brought to the Central Police Station late on Wednesday night for attempting to steal three watches from the Kwai Kee Watch Store of Des Voeux Road, Central. They were handed over to the Lieutenant of an American Shore Patrol who placed them under Naval Custody.

The manager of the Kwai Kee Watch Store said that at about 11.15 p.m. on Wednesday the two American sailors entered his shop and asked to see some ladies' watches.

A fork brought out three and the sailors were alleged to have snatched them and run out. One of them was caught by a watchman in Pottinger Street while the other was chased to Blake Pier, where he was apprehended by a Police constable.

FRESH FISH PRICES

Fresh fish arrivals, prices, quoted at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday, were:—

Yield	Quality	Average
Yellow Croaker	...	...
Mud Grasper	...	...
Other Grasper	...	...
White Pomfret (small)	...	...
Wagon Sole (small)	...	...
Golden Thread	...	...
Conger (Pike)	...	...

Three Chinese men were yesterday charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Central on a charge of assault on Luk Lung in an opium den in Third Street on October 5.

The defendants, Lo Chai-fo, Ngai Jai Tai-wing, Lo Kai-ai, See Koi, and Yuen Yuen-kun, all of whom were represented by Mr. J. A. D. Silva, while Mr. P. J. F. O'Connell conducted the case for the prosecution with the consent of the Commissioner of Police.

Mr. Silva pleaded guilty on behalf of Lo Kai-ai and not guilty on behalf of the other two defendants.

Mr. Scholes cautioned Lo and discharged him. Mr. Ngai pleaded guilty on behalf of Yuen Yuen-kun, who was also discharged. The other two defendants were discharged.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Guna-Khem, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Yu, Messrs. J. C. Forte, S. Baldwin, J. S. Quin, C. F. Yew, S. Dongmalpan, A. Maclean and T. Roy.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. B. Chakraband, Mrs. S. F. Feng, Miss L. Peralta, Mrs. D. G. Old, Messrs. B. V. Hansen, Jen - Pa-gen, E. Jensen, Chan Rok, Kwong Shing-chung, Lee Chang-hai, Ming Kuei-ling, C. C. McCarthy, D. Leysion and L. Verne.

Wife refuses to be repudiated by husband

A Chinese woman yesterday refused to be repudiated by her husband irrespective of whether she would be implicated in the court charge against him.

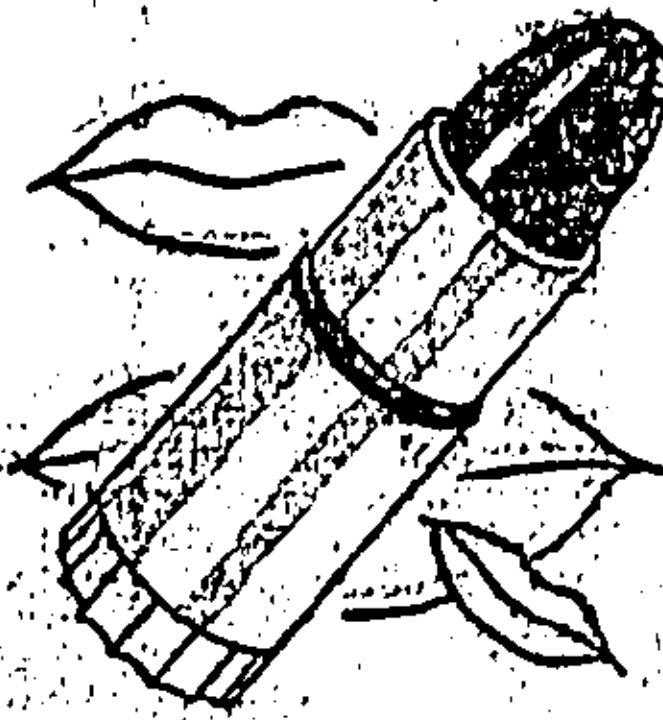
Wong Fook, an earth cooler who has been in the Colony for more than 30 years and, until recently, was without a police record, was arrested early this month and charged with simple larceny. The prosecution stated that Wong had stolen a piece of wood from an unfenced lot at Castle Peak. Defendant in court pleaded guilty to the charge. Then Mr. J. Wicks addressed him:

"Have you a wife?" the magistrate asked. "No (Sir)" came the reply. But from the back of the crowded courtroom came another voice, the voice of a woman. "Oh yes, he has, Sir," she cried. "Why did you say that you had no wife?" Wong replied that he had heard the court interpreter say "lo too" (father) instead of "lo pohn" (wife).

The Court prosecutor then told the court that Wong was not a criminal type. He had merely seen a piece of wood and helped himself to it. His denial of having a wife was because he feared the woman might be involved," he added.

Mr. Wicks, reviewing defendant's case, said that Wong deserved a chance and bound him over in the sum of \$50 for one year. Husband and wife walked out of court together.

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Dec. 20, 1949.

NOTICE

All Harbour Ferry Services will be extended up to 12.00 Midnight on the following dates:

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24th, 25th & 26th Dec

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1st Dec 1st & 2nd Jan.

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Hong Kong, Dec. 21, 1949.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
NOTICE

This Department will be closed on Monday, the 26th and Tuesday, the 27th of December, 1949, for all purposes except for entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

K. KEEN,

Commerce & Industry.

December 19, 1949.

NOTICE

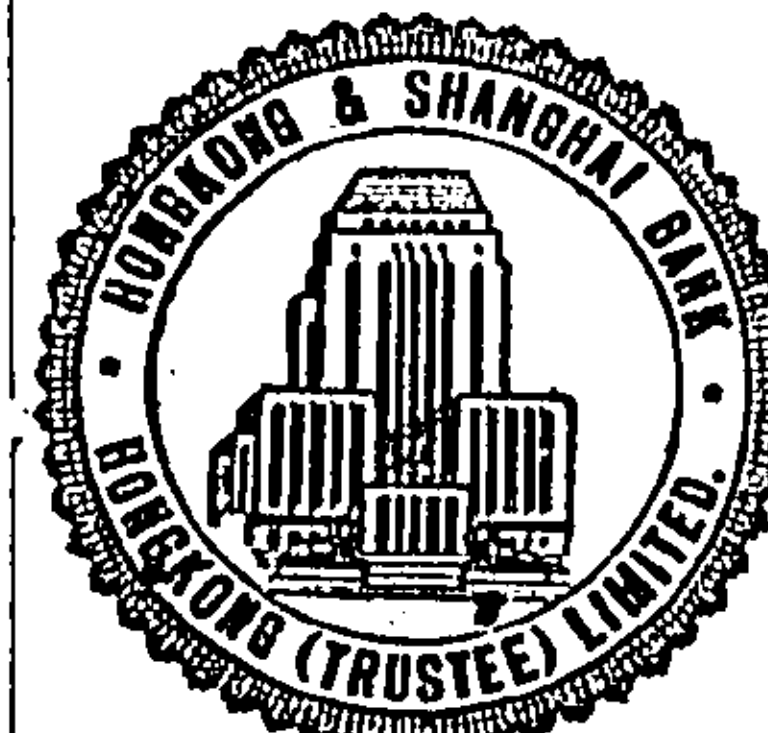
The Port Health Office of the Medical Department has arranged for the Fire Brigade inoculation and Vaccination Centre to remain open on Tuesday, December 27, 1949, and Monday, January 2, 1950 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Bills of Health can also be completed in the above Centre during the above-mentioned times and dates.

I. NEWTON,

Director of Medical Services.

Hong Kong, Dec. 22, 1949.



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Development of HK co-operatives

Mr. B. J. Surridge, Technical Advisor on Co-operatives to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, yesterday told the Press that he thought the fish and vegetable marketing scheme in Hong Kong would be a great help in developing the primary co-operative movement.

By the primary co-operative movement Mr. Surridge said he meant the producers or farmers in the village areas who have their own methods of marketing.

Since his arrival here he has been looking into how they worked, and he has made certain suggestions to Government.

In reply to questions Mr. Surridge said Hong Kong's fishery scheme was working along the right line. It was the basis for organising the fishermen at the low level. Of course there is no co-operative organisation yet, and it will be a very great problem to work out a scheme of credit, for instance, for the fishermen.

It is one of the big problems throughout the world, but Mr. Surridge thought it could eventually be done.

Regarding the vegetable organisation Mr. Surridge said it has to work much more closely to the farmers, and an attempt is being made to associate the small farmers with the organisation by establishing more collecting depots and having the farmers check on transportation and operations in general.

Mr. Surridge said he thought Farmers should be encouraged to make representations to the organisation itself.

Raw deal

As everywhere the producers generally get a raw deal, and this applies equally to Hong Kong, but Mr. Surridge thinks that the present scheme is helping them get a better deal over the consumers.

Mr. Surridge, who was District Officer, Cyprus, has studied and advised on the co-operative movement in Africa, Iraq, the West Indies, West Africa, and Malaya.

There is as yet no law on co-operatives in Hong Kong, said Mr. Surridge, but legislation is pending, when there will be a Registrar-General to advise and guide on the movement.

Mr. Surridge is leaving for Colombo tomorrow to check up on the co-operative movement there which, he said, is very highly developed with a history of 30 years.

LAMMERT BROS.

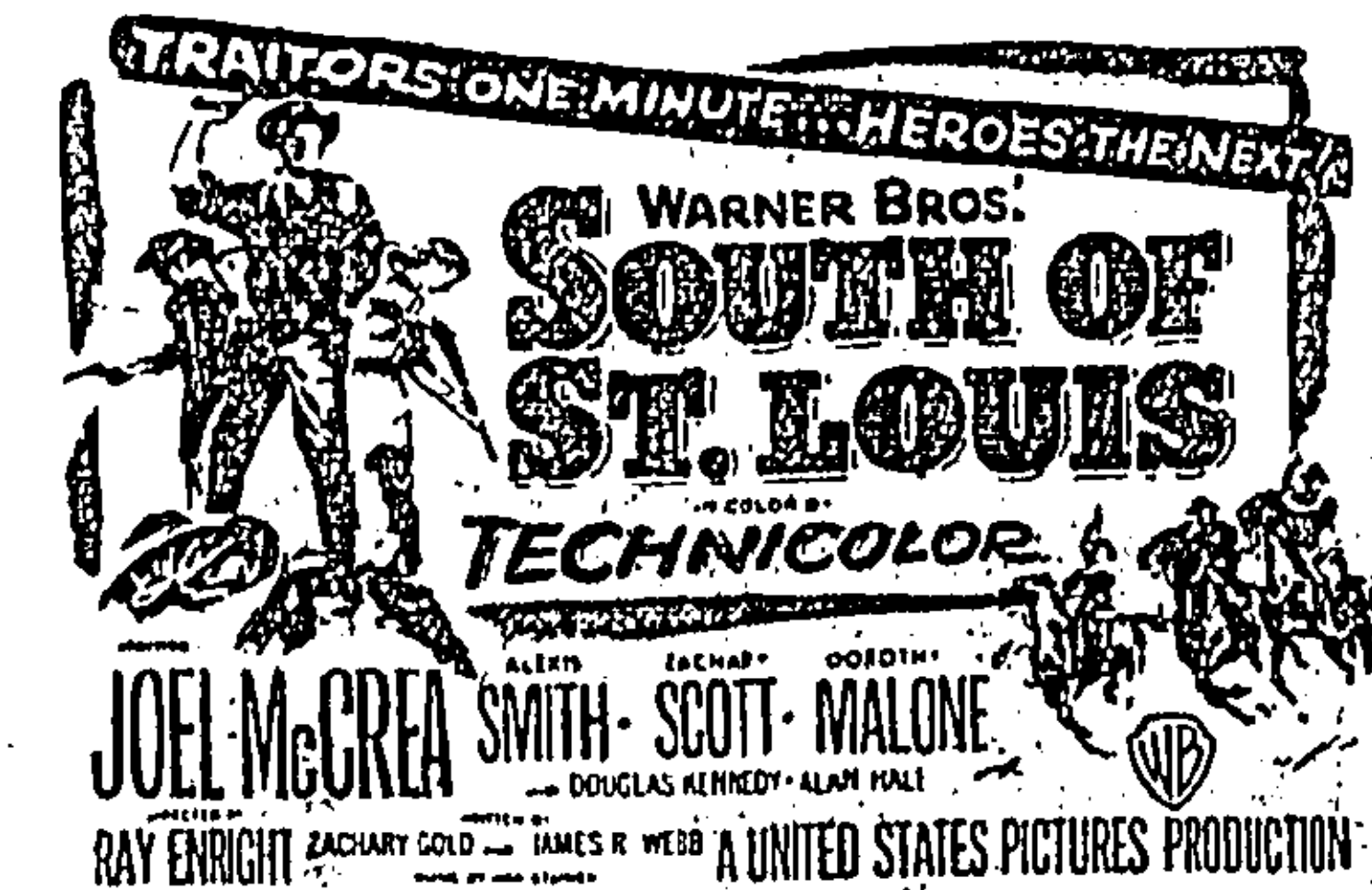
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OPENS

SUNDAY

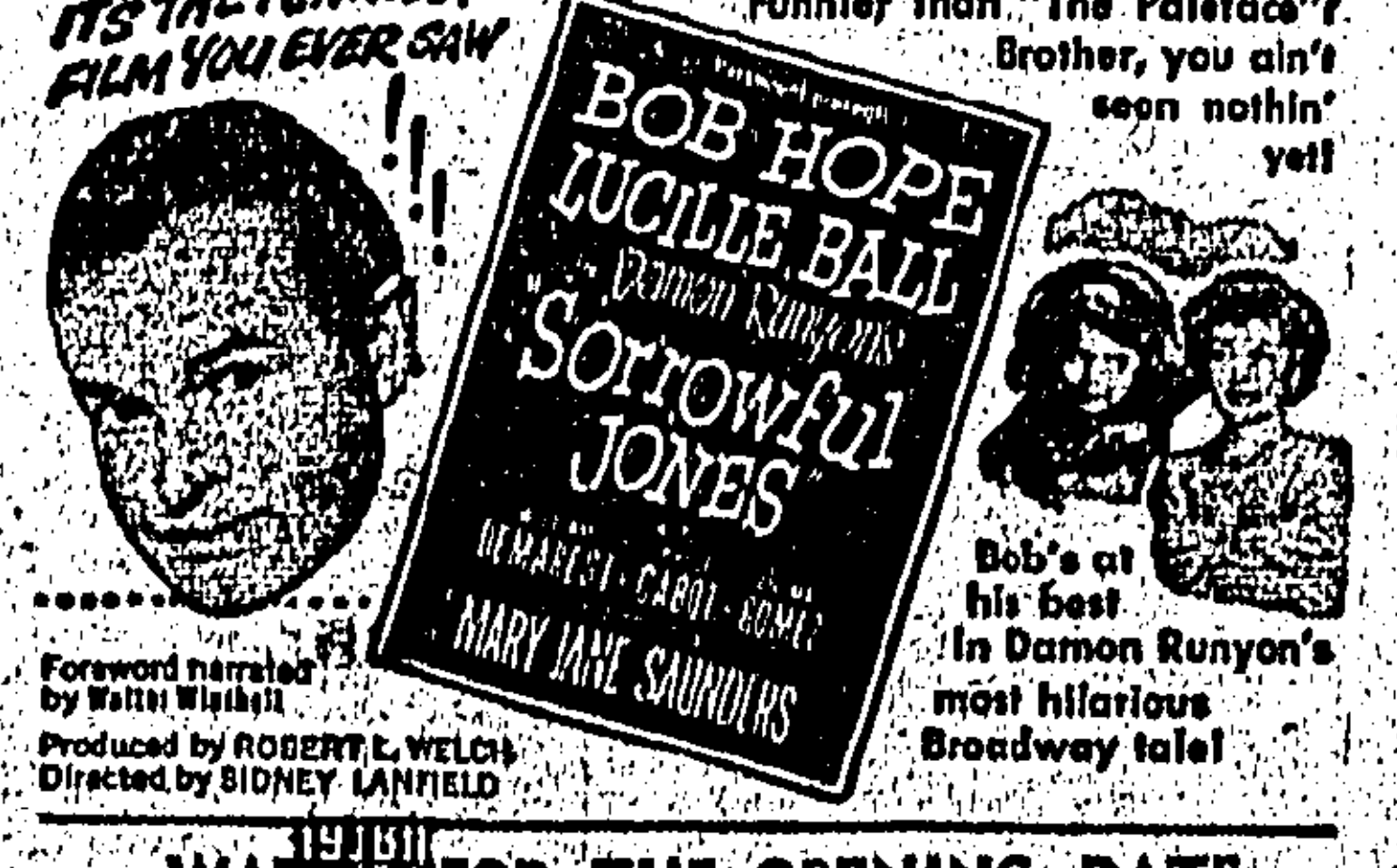
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GLEN LINE VOYAGES

The Glen Line will speed up its Hong Kong-London voyages by two days and vessels will be due to arrive in Hong Kong on the 24th day after sailing from London.

In the latter part of 1948 a call at Hamburg was introduced for the "A" service ships and this will be a regular feature so that all ships of both services will load at and accept cargo for Hamburg direct.

Reserve: 1, D.S. Miss E. Morrison to receive w.f. December 1

Guests: The Commission takes this opportunity to wish all Surgeons, Officers and Members of the Brigade a very Merry Xmas

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By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay

EIGHT CARD MAJOR FINE

MANY PLAYERS place emphasis on seeking No Trump game contracts whenever they can justify doing so. They do not seem to learn that, when the side has eight cards in a major suit, it is usually easier to take one more trick in the suit than in No Trumps, even with all suits stopped. Ruffing values make the difference. Of course, if the hands are "flat"—especially with 4-3-3-3 distribution—there may be no ruffing chances, so the principle then may not apply.

S 10 8 5 3
H Q J 10
D 4
C K Q 10 6
S K Q J
H K A
D Q 10 8
C 7 4

N W E S
S 2
H 10 7 5
D 10 9 5 4 3
C 8 5 2

Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.

South West North East
1 H 2 S 3 C 4 Pass
2 NT Pass 3 C 4 Pass
3 NT

West whaled that by leading his diamond 10, the K being overtaken by the A. South hoped East could be kept out of the lead, so that the J could be a second diamond stopper. But after West scored his K on the heart 2 lead to the second trick he put East in with the club A. The diamond return then enabled the defence to have seven tricks setting South three.

South thereupon, having noted that 4-Hearts would have been

easy, blamed North for not bidding hearts on either his first or second turn. The latter passed the blame back to South, saying his own 3-Clubs was a very fine bid, since it gave South a chance to rebid with 3-Hearts, whereupon North would have gone to 4-Hearts.

North might be criticised, however, for even his first call. Making a free bid of spades at the level of two would have compelled South to bid three if he had a minimum hand and nothing else to call. To do that North should have had quite a hand, whereas he would not have required nearly so much to bid a mere 2-Hearts. That of course would have been taking a chance if South had only a four-card suit. But, after an opponent has cut into the bidding, you have to do some things which don't quite suit you. In fact, that's one reason opponents bid against you and you against them.

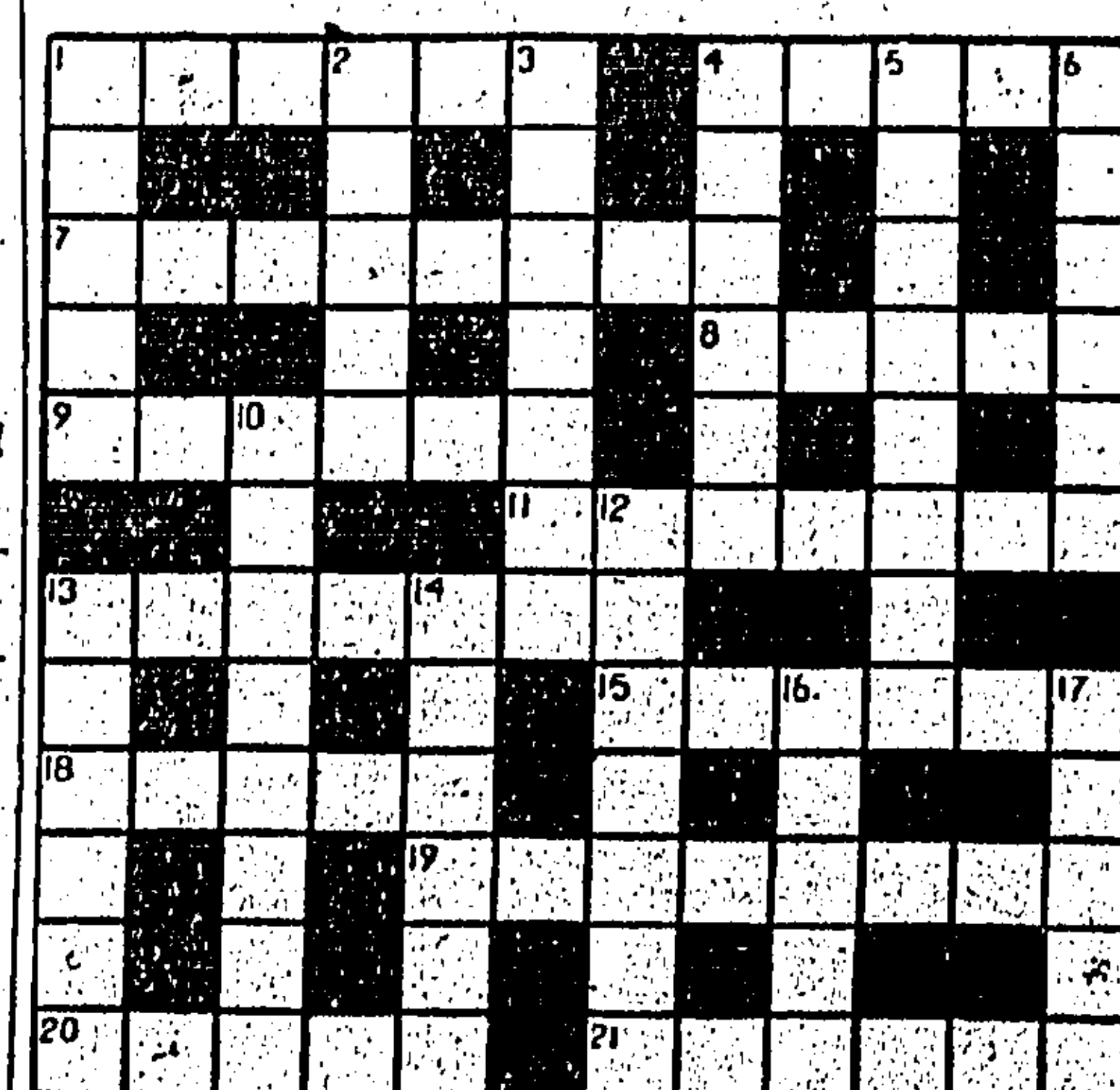
Tomorrow's Problem

S K J 7 5 4 3
H 8 6 3 2
D K
C K 4
S A 8 6
H None
D A Q J
C Q J 10 9
7 0 3

N W E S
S 2
H 10 7 5
D 10 9 5 4 3
C 8 5 2

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)
After East decides to open with 1-Heart, what troubles may later confront both him and his partner?

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Across

1 Vacation.
4. Polite in manner.
7 Pose.
8 Banish.
9 Instant.
11 Gem.

Down

1 Territory.
2 The best.
3 Impediment.
4 Gentle wind.
5 One who hopes for advance-ment.
6 Protect.
7 Impetus.
8 Earned.
9 Box.
10 Private teacher.
11 Occurrence.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Spot, 4 Disturb, 8 Item, 9 Stern, 10 Balance, 11 Bug, 12 Dope, 14 Restore, 17 Alert, 19 Usage, 22 Natural, 25 Plant, 27 Silo, 28 Obvious, 29 Kind, 30 Ogre, 31 Censure, 32 Nudge.

DOWN—2 Petrol, 3 Timber, 4 Debar, 5 Images, 6 Trail, 7 Re- cur, 12 Dawn, 13 Pert, 15 Oynl, 16 Even, 18 Pastor, 20 Spoken, 21 Gained, 23 Ambie, 24 Unle, 25 Liege.

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**Famed feet
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Queen's**

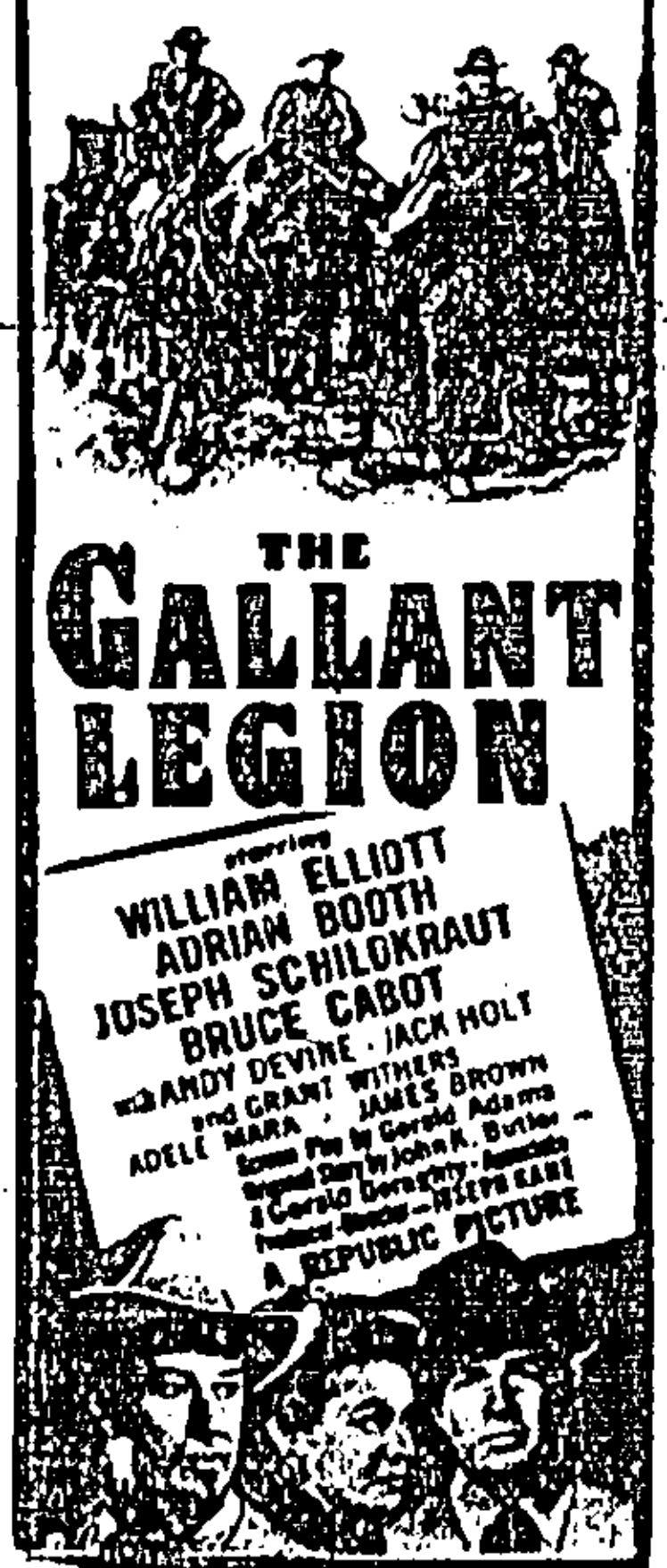
Rating: ...
Together again, but none
the worse for the long lay-off,
are Fred Astaire and Ginger
Rogers, who will dance their
way back into the hearts of
film fans at the Queen's Theatre
in "The Barkleys of Broad-
way."

Both veterans show that there
is still that old spark left that
made them the most-talked-about
dancing team when today's teen-
agers were wetting their diapers.
The film's plot is a bit frothy.
Josh and Dinah Barkley, leading
musical comedy man-and-wife
team, split up because the female
partner yawns to be taken
seriously as a legitimate actress.
She is headed for a flop when
her husband springs to the res-
cue secretly, coaching her over
the phone in a disguised voice.
And all through the piece
there's dancing—there's a de-
lightful Highland Fling duet and
Astaire's marvellous shoe dance.
For the ladies there's Miss
Rogers' wardrobe, definitely the
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"The Barkleys of Broadway,"
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**Realistic
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at the Lee**

Rating: ...

Destined to win fame as his
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Carol Reed's "The Third Man,"
coming to the Lee Theatre, is
a thriller set against the brood-
ing background of post-war
Vienna. But like the other Gra-
ham Greene stories on which
Reed has based his films, it is
more than this. "The Third
Man" is a graphic commentary on
a city under Four Power rule
uncare of its future and fearful
of its present.

Joseph Cotten plays the part
of an American writer who comes
to Vienna to do propaganda work
for his old friend, Harry Lime.
When on arrival he is informed
that Lime was killed in a street
accident and also that he was a
racketeer, he sets about to clear
his friend's name.

This leads him into a series of
adventures, during the course of
which he comes involved with the
girl who loved Lime, played by
the Italian actress, Vali, and the
imperturbable but ruthless chief
of Military Police in Vienna.
Trevor Howard has here a part
of no romantic appeal, but one
which will certainly enhance his
high reputation as a first-class
actor.

As, together, they unearth de-
tails surrounding Lime's existence
they meet with a succession of
suspicious characters and con-
flicting clues, which eventually
lead to a dramatic man-hunt
through the vast sewers under
Vienna, providing a fitting climax
to a tense film.

"The Third Man" moves at
times rather slowly. However,
the realism of the surrounding,
plus some fascinating incidental
music by Anton Karas
more than make up for this fault.

**Outdoor picture
at the King's**

Rating: ...

Beautiful outdoor scenes in
Technicolor and a horse that
is every inch a champion are
two points that make "Red
Canyon" week-end fare at the
King's Theatre, a fairly enjoy-
able show.

Starring Ann Blyth, Howard
Duff and George Brent, the film
is based on Zane Grey's "Wild-
fire" and tells the story of a
wild horse tracker who not only
gets his horse, but a girl too.
After he has been victimized to
the extent of losing his mount
and most of his clothing in a
prank played on him by mis-
chievous Ann Blyth, Lin Stone
(Howard Duff), a wild horse
tracker, arrives in the little West-
ern town of Bostel's Crossing

**It's Bob Hope at
the King's Theatre**

A film which should attract all those who don't
mind a generous dose of hearty laughs is
"Sorrowful Jones," starring Bob Hope and
Lucille Ball, which is the Christmas attraction
at the King's Theatre.

Bob, as usual, clown his way
through the picture, although it
must be said that his latest
characterisation—that of Sorrow-
ful Jones—sees him play it more
or less straight, if that it quite
possible with him.
Jones is a New York book-
maker who is so mean and stingy
that Silas Marner would look
like Good-hearted Gus to him.

**Good Musical
to the Roxy**

Rating: ...

That fabulous era just after the
turn of the century (history to
most of us) when Jazz was the
rage and song-pluggers infested
Tin-Pan-Alley where hit tunes
sold millions of copies, is re-
counted successfully and with
Technicolor trimmings in "Oh,
You Beautiful Doll," which will
be coming to the Roxy Theatre.
The frame-work of the picture
is built around the life story of
Fred Fisher, whose song hits
were on every piano in the early
1900s. A dozen of his tunes and
melody and life to the film,
among them being "Peg O' My
Heart," "Ireland that Must Be
Heaven," "Come, Josephine, In
My Flying Machine," "Who Paid
The Rent For Mrs. Rip Van
Winkle," "There's A Broken
Heart For Every Light On Broad-
way," "Chicago" and "Dar-
danelia."

Loveable is the best way to
describe S. Z. (Cuddles) Sakall's
portrayal of the Fisher role into
which he injects much sly hum-
our, and Charlotte Greenwood
makes an equally ingratiating
wife of the song writer, Gale
Robbins, as the other girl, Jay
Ex. Flippin, Andrews, Tombs, and
others also contribute de-
lightful performances.
One of the exhilarating high-
lights of the production is June's
and Mark's whirlwind rendition
of "Come, Josephine, In My Fly-
ing Machine." They make a
most engaging couple and their
love scenes add just the right
amount of glamour to the story
which is tinged with pathos.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using
the following classification to
indicate to readers the quality
of films reviewed:

- Excellent
- ... Very Good
- .. Good
- Fair

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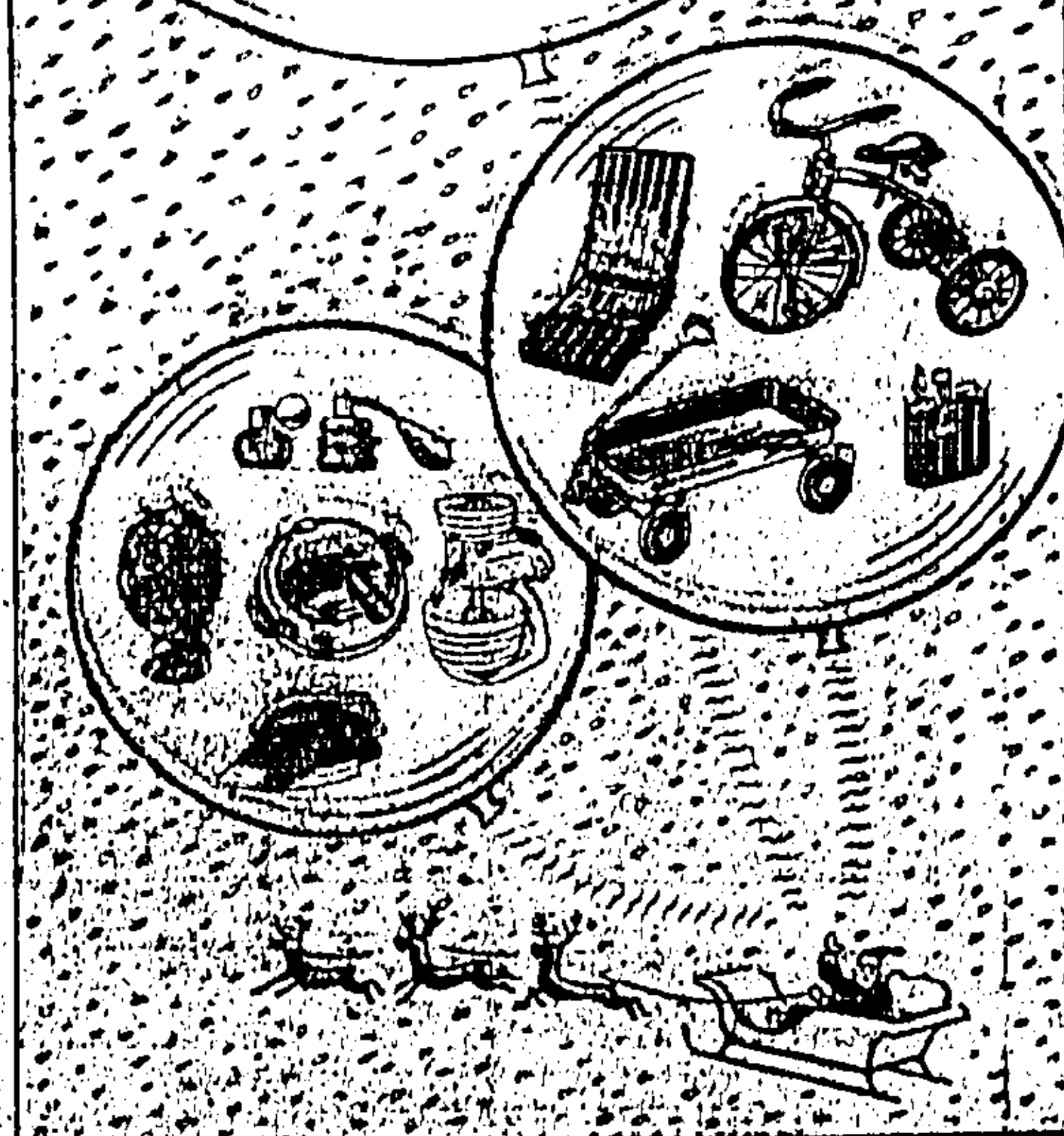
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GENERAL ELECTIONS IN INDIA IN 1950

New Delhi, December 22.

General elections in India under the new Constitution will be held in 1950/51, according to India's Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Sarayvaran Singh.

The Minister announced in Parliament that the electoral rolls for the forthcoming elections have already been printed in the East Punjab, while in West Bengal, Madras, Bihar, Orissa and Coorg, they are under print.

In West Bengal, general elections to the provincial legislature will be held early in 1950, in accordance with the decision of the Indian National Congress Parliamentary Board.

The decision of the Congress Parliamentary Board followed the "fact-finding" visit of the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru, to West Bengal last July.

Pandit Nehru recommended fresh elections so that the people of West Bengal can have an opportunity to bring about political and administrative stability in the province.

Elections in other Indian provinces will be held under the new Republican Constitution of India in the winter of 1950/51, unless delayed by unforeseen circumstances.

The consensus of opinion in the country is that the general elections should not be unduly delayed.

The Minister stated that the appointment of an Election Commissioner is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Electoral rolls

Under India's new Republican Constitution, to be inaugurated on January 26, all elections, provincial and central, should be supervised and controlled by an Election Commission.

The Commission shall consist of an Election Commissioner, assisted by a number of provincial commissioners, appointed by the Indian President.

The electoral rolls, based on the principle of adult franchise, are expected to carry the names of about 180,000,000 voters in India. In the Indian Constitution, it is laid down that no person shall be ineligible for inclusion in the voters list on grounds of religion, race, caste or sex.

Elections to legislatures on the communal principle and separate electorates have been abolished under the new Constitution, since their retention is repugnant to the principle of a "secular State" to which New India is wedded.

Provision has, however, been made in the Constitution for the reservation of seats for scheduled castes, in view of their economically backward conditions.

Three parties

Three major political parties in India—the Indian National Congress, the Socialist Party of India and Communist Party of India, in order of their numerical strength—are expected to keenly contest the elections. Most observers believe that the Congress will sweep the polls on

the strength of its past achievements and the programme of national development it has taken on hand.

Others, however, think that Congress may not obtain an absolute majority in all provinces, as in the last elections.

Political circles claim that much will depend on how far the Congress Government is able to cope with the present economic crisis and the food problem.

They compare the Congress Government's position in India with that of the Labour Government in Britain and point out that both of them have equal chances in their respective countries in the forthcoming elections.

The Socialist Party—which claims the support of nearly one-third of India's voters—is hopeful of capturing more seats in the forthcoming general elections than in the last. They point out that their recent bye-election successes represent the direction in which the wind is blowing.

The Party's leaders, Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Mr. Ashok Mehra—are busy campaigning for the next elections.

The Communist Party of India, though active in some parts of the country, does not seem to be as campaign-minded as the other two political parties. The Communists may also contest the all-India elections, though the party has been banned in two Indian provinces—West Bengal and Madras.—Reuter.

Communist line with French army

Paris, December 21.

French Communists are urging French troops to refuse to use any arms shipped here by the United States under the North Atlantic treaty.

"The Wall Street Warmongers are planning another war which they will fight with American tanks and French bodies," said thousands of leaflets distributed around Paris barracks today.

The U.S. munitions France will get are junk, retrieved from the scrap heap. You are to be the victims of imperialism.

A French security officer, asked whether these leaflets might affect the troops, said they were merely part of a continuing Communist campaign to disrupt France.

"If it were not this," he said, "they would be negotiating for something else."

The campaign among military men follows open Communist hints that party workers will try to sabotage the unloading of American arms at French docks.—Associated Press.



HMS Belfast, wearing the flag of Vice-Admiral A.C.G. Madden, Flag Officer Second-in-Command, British Pacific Fleet, is pictured above on her recent visit to Saigon, French Indo-China.

Ex-Luftwaffe pilots want to fly again

Berlin, December 22.

The old German Stuka pilots are growing restive for the throttle again. They have started a sort of campaign to be allowed to fly once more.

With the Allies opposed to revival of a German air arm, the campaign looks like wishful thinking at the moment. But the former pilots, consider you never can tell, so they are trying to advance their case.

Flight Captain Heinrich Brauer, a former Luftwaffe ace, is one of the leaders in the movement and he insists the whole aim is peaceful.

Brauer attended a meeting of about a 100 former German flyers in a restaurant. The location was appropriate—in the Tempelhof district near the huge American air base that was the key to the success of the blockade-breaking airlift.

The German police heard about the meeting and hurried around to break it up, too late. The men were already dispersing. Brauer said some of his former comrades have been in touch with the West German Government at Bonn with a request that the leaders work for restoration of civil aviation in Germany. The results have been negative so far.

Waste of time

Civil aviation was developed in Germany after World War I within the framework of a company called "Lufthansa." German militarists, under Von Seeckt, encouraged the Lufthansa in every way and Germany could keep pace with the flying world, in at least some technical respects.

The Nazis came along, encouraged gliding and then built out of the Lufthansa and the gliding clubs the Luftwaffe.

One of the chief eggs, in the military security machinery set up by the Allies is a flat and uncompromising prohibition against German flying.

Military security officers in Berlin said there was nothing substantive about German flyers meeting to talk over old times and even to hoping they can crawl into a cockpit again. However, they added, it is a waste of time.

The Luftwaffe once had a 2,000,000-man force.—Associated Press.

Windsors to go to work

Cherbourg, December 21.

Before boarding the liner Queen Mary here tonight for New York, the Duke of Windsor told Reuters' Cherbourg correspondent: "The Duchess and I are going to work. These days everybody should work."

The Duchess attracted the admiration of spectators as she went up the gangway in a smart tartan suit.—Reuter.

Russian admission of guilt

Tokyo, December 22.

Walk-out does not constitute an answer, the English-language newspaper "Nippon Times" commented this morning on the walk-out staged by the Soviet delegation from the Allied Council meeting yesterday.

"Obviously the Soviets had no answer to the question about what had happened to the Japanese who disappeared into Soviet territory after the surrender and never accounted for."

"There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the Soviet representative had planned a walk-out from the very outset," the paper said.

It ridiculed the charges by the Soviet representative that the bringing of the repatriation question before the Allied Council was a "propaganda attempt" by "American imperialists" and "Japanese reactionaries" to incite feeling against the Soviet Union.

"If the Soviets hold such secure they had the opportunity at the Allied Council to present their case," the "Nippon Times" declared. "That they did not do so may be viewed as a virtual admission of their guilt."—Reuter.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Hamburg, December 21.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told Germany's influential weekly, "Die Zeit," that he is optimistic about understanding between France and Germany.

"But, above all, patience and consideration for the temporarily inevitable hesitations are necessary," he declared in an interview today.

"The wounds have not yet all healed," he continued. "Our attention has suffered too many hardships to be guided by purely sentimental considerations."

Defending French policy in the Ruhr, which has been economically united with France, the French Foreign Minister said, "France does not intend to carry out either open or concealed political annexation."—Reuter.

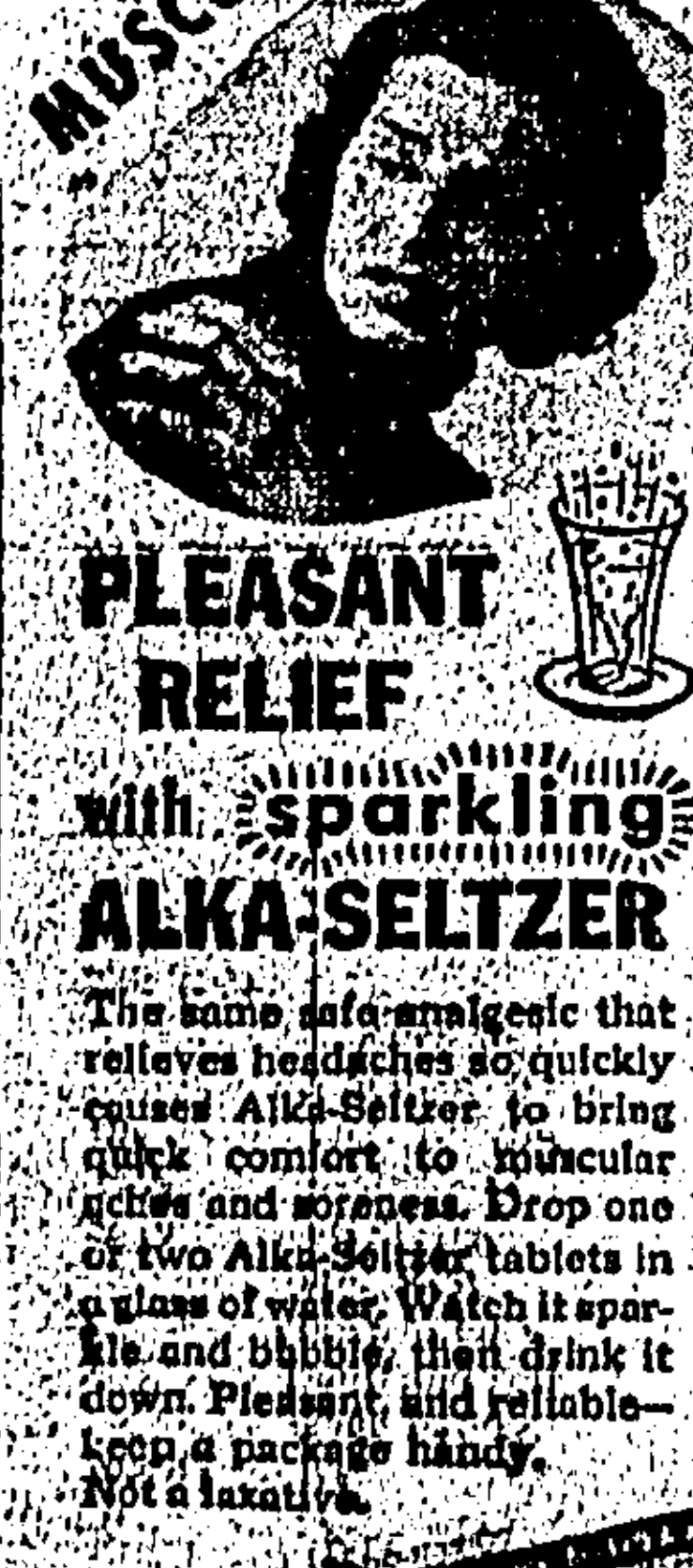
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INDIAN NEWSMAN SAYS:

NO FEAR OF RUSSIAN DOMINATION IN CHINA

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

(This story about the Communist regime and present-day conditions in Peking and Tientsin was told by Mr. K. R. Sabarwal, former prominent political exile from British India and personal friend of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who arrived here on Wednesday by the "Yachow" from North China, where he had stayed for seven years. Mr. Sabarwal, now a free-lance diplomatic correspondent, is returning to New Delhi and will probably accept the invitation of the Indian Government to become professor of Japanese in an Indian University.)

"As a journalist, I stand in the middle of the road and favour neither side in the Chinese political picture. In fact, I have no political sympathy in Chinese politics," said Mr. Sabarwal in an interview.

"I am against imperialism, yellow or white. That was why I was exiled by the British Indian Government for 31 years (1915-1946) and interned by the Japanese at Weihsien, Shantung, during the last war," he declared.

But Mr. Sabarwal, who is a member of the Communist Party, said that the Chinese people are not afraid of Russian domination.

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Movement, broadcast over Peking Radio.

"I know Bose personally. I am sure he is dead as was reported shortly after the war," he declared. Mr. Sabarwal refused to join the Japanese-sponsored movement during the war.

Asked whether Communism will thrive in India, Mr. Sabarwal declared: "This ideology will never thrive in a place where religion and caste are so deeply rooted and will definitely oppose Communist principles." But he added that India will recognise the People's Government.

Knew Dr. Sun

Mr. Sabarwal left India in 1915 after being exiled for taking an active part in the Indian underground movement. He was then fighting for the withdrawal of British rule.

He went to Tokyo and remained there till 1936 when he left for Japan and Peking, where he lived till 1947.

"I was friendly with Dr. Sun Yat-sen when he was in Japan. On several occasions Dr. Sun borrowed money from our movement to carry out his own revolutionary work in China then," he recalled.

During the Japanese occupation, Mr. Sabarwal was interned at Weihsien by the Japanese after refusing to work for them.

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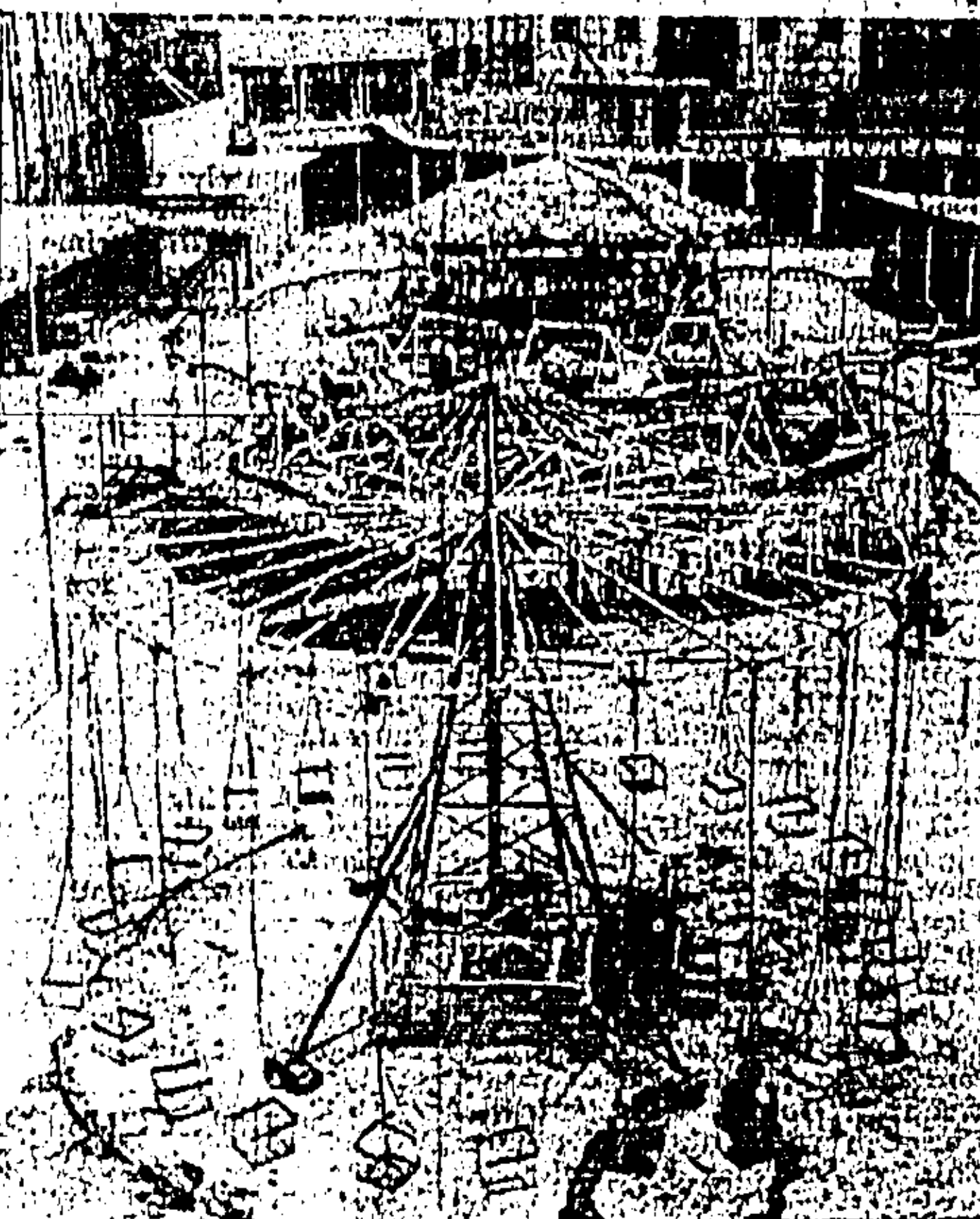
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Fun of the fair



Hong Kong's HK\$6,000,000 Luna Park—claimed to be the best entertainment centre in the Far East—will be now open. The attractions include a giant Merry-go-Round, Dragon Ride, giant Ferris Wheel, Rocket Rides and Swings. Shown here in one part of the Park is a Merry-go-Round and the Rock Ride.—"China Mail" Photo.

PI controls to be relaxed

Manila, December 22.

It is reliably learned that President Quirino and his trade, financial and economic advisers decided in a meeting in Baguio to relax the present drastic import control.

It is understood that modification of the rigid import restrictions will affect certain food items and building materials to protect consumers from high prices resulting from scarcity of these goods.

It is not yet clear whether relaxation will be immediate or whether it will be embodied in new import control legislation to be submitted by the administration to the regular session of Congress next month.

The present import control law expires at the end of the year. Mr. Quirino and his advisers, however, decided to continue with the newly-imposed curbs on gold transactions despite complaints from mining interests that mines might have to close unless able to sell their metal at more than US\$35 per ounce.

Under the gold control regulations, gold stocks must be reported to the Central Bank, which will control all transactions including shipments abroad.

Control was designed to break the gold black market, where bullion rose to 120 pesos (US\$60) per ounce recently.

Import quotas black market

Meanwhile, a Central Bank official said a black market in import quotas had developed.

He said "fly by night" importers who had succeeded in obtaining import quotas, allocations were selling their quotas to legitimate importers whose quotas had been slashed.

King spending Christmas at Sandringham

London, December 21.—Barracks are being prepared for more than 20 Christmas guests at Sandringham House, the country residence of the King in Norfolk.

His Majesty will broadcast from his study at 3.00 p.m. G.M.T. on Christmas Day and there will be a small family party in the evening.—Reuter.

PLAN TO BOOST UK OUTPUT

London, December 21.

At three important meetings today Cabinet Ministers, industrialists and trade union chiefs thrashed out plans to boost Britain's production drive and keep her workers happy.

Meeting No. 1 was held between Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who, in the Government's knowledge, has been in labour problems, and the Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, and officials of the British Employers Federation.

The big topic was how new incentives could be given to workers and employers to encourage them to top all previous production.

A statement after the meeting said that Mr. Bevin had asked the employers for their co-operation in securing increased production and the employers gave an assurance that they would do all in their power.

Meeting No. 2—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress, representing 8,000,000 workers, approved a full statement on wages policy, which will be discussed by the Executives of unions at a private conference here on January 12.

Some powerful sections of the trade union movement oppose the call by the TUC for restraint in wage claims until 1951.

Meeting No. 3—Trade union chiefs and representatives of the Employers Federation met in the role of the Joint Executive Committee which advises the Minister of Labour, Mr. Isaacs, on policy.

They discussed hours of work in relation to output.—Reuter.

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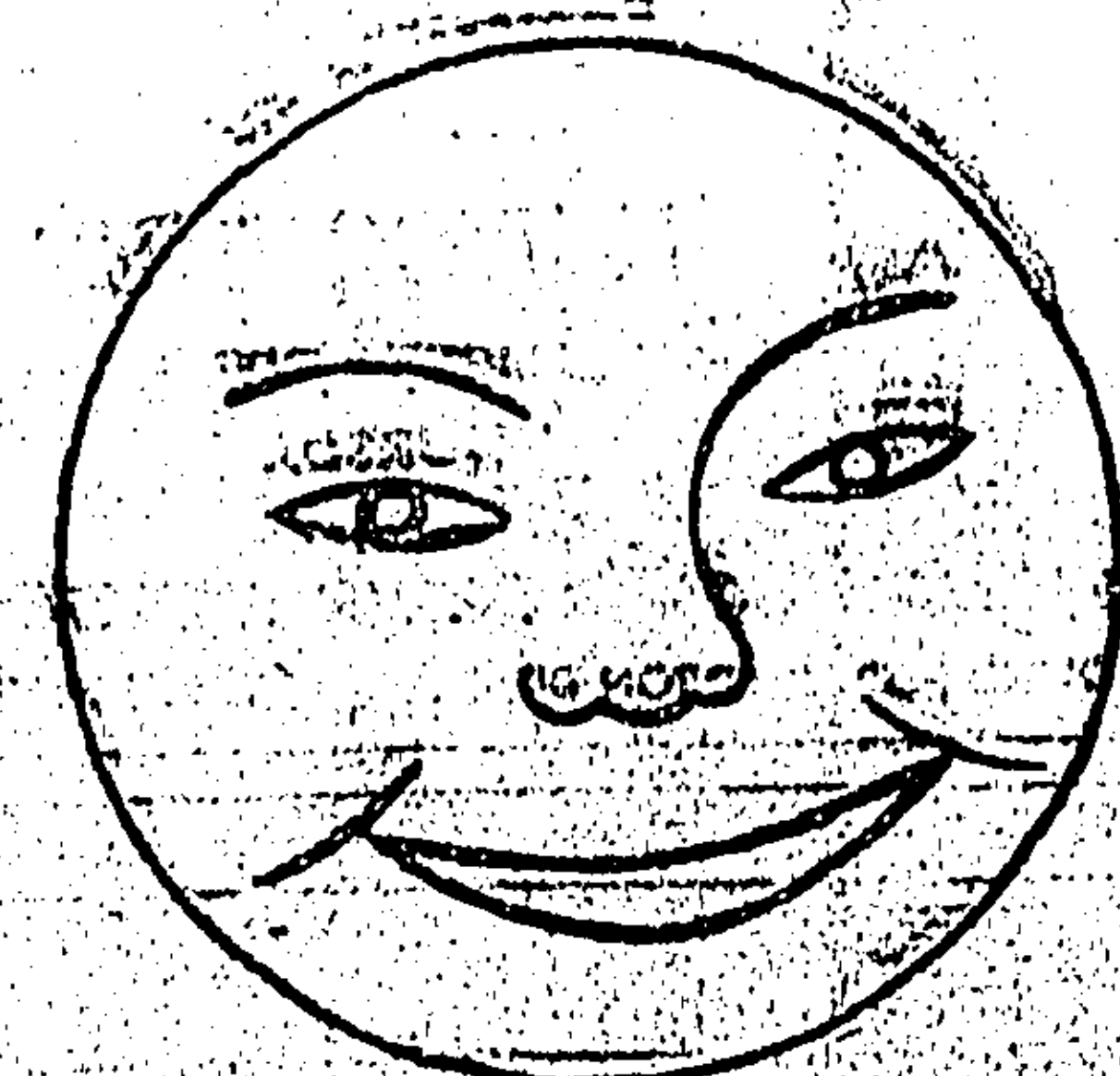
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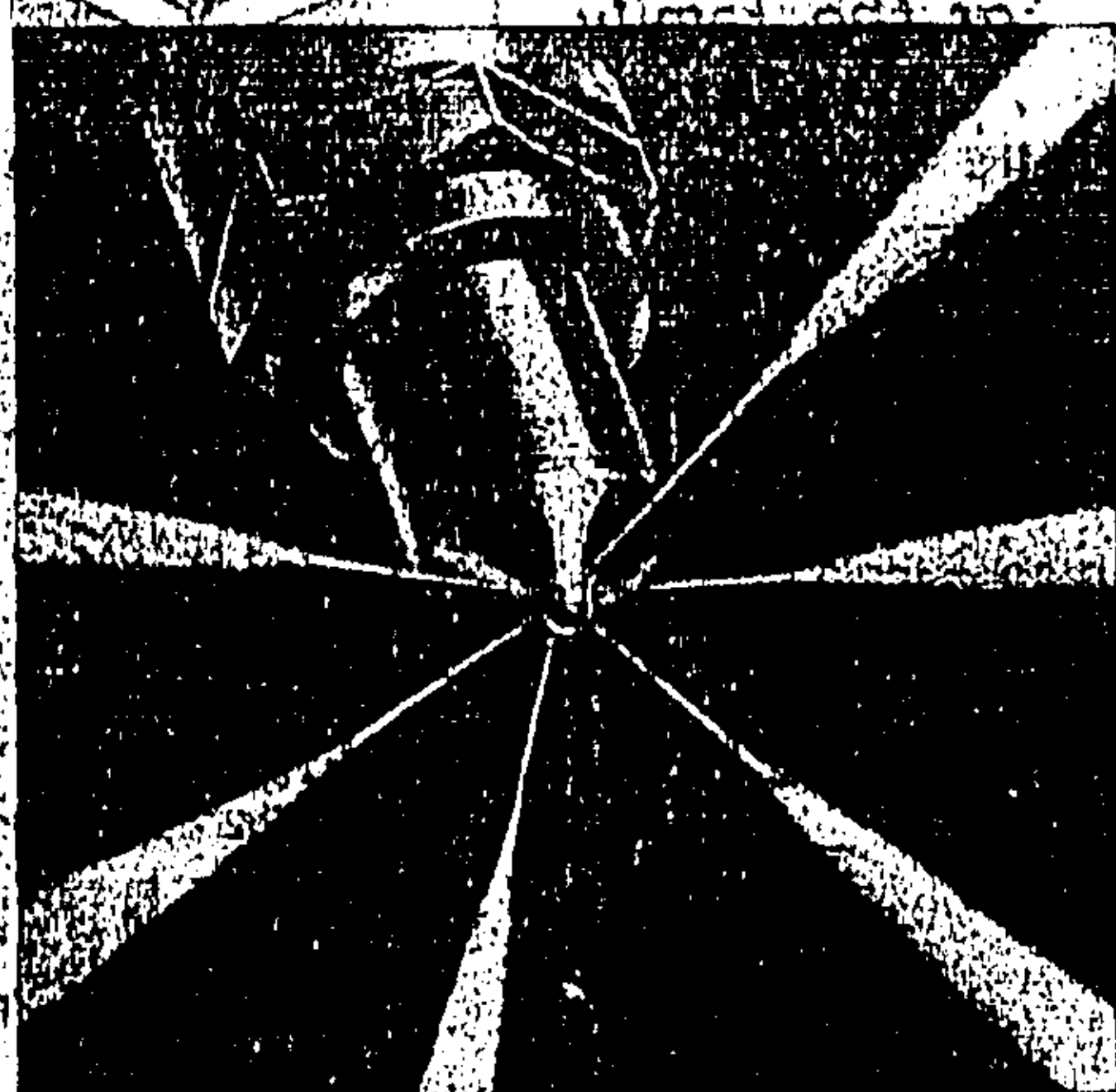
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REFORM MEASURES PLEGGED BY NEW TAIWAN GOVERNOR

SENATOR CRITICAL OF PEKING

Washington, December 21.
Senator Arthur Vandenberg, ranking Republican member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said at a Press conference today that he does not favour recognition of Communist China.

Mr. Vandenberg said the Chinese Communist government must demonstrate that it is competent to control and administer the country, and that it must observe the rules of international law. In neither respect does it qualify for recognition, he added.

Senator Vandenberg called for continued economic and military aid to Western Europe, but he said that it should be on a sharply reduced scale.

The reason for the reduction would be that it is time for effective self-help abroad to assume greater and more effective responsibilities, and because the United States budget position required total economies all along the line.

He said that though cuts in foreign aid could be expected, it should not be forgotten that such aid was vital to America's own intelligent self-interest. In her own peace and security, the United States has a stake in the lives and destinies of other nations, and she must be prepared to give aid to them.

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Senator Vandenberg declared that the Communist regime in China should be recognized by the United States only when it had demonstrated that it had control of that country and would carry out the basic obligations of international law.

Communist China does not meet these requirements in his view.

DIVORCE APPEAL REJECTED

Miami, December 21.
Florida's State Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by Nancy Oakes De Marigny, daughter of the late Sir Harry Oakes, Canadian gold millionaire, to have her husband's divorce from his first wife declared invalid.

Mrs. De Marigny had claimed that her marriage to Count Alfred De Marigny in May, 1942, was void because his divorce from his first wife in 1937 was fraudulently obtained.

The Court ruled that the question of the validity of the divorce could not be raised by a third party.—Reuter.

Taipei, December 21.
Mr. K. C. Wu, former Mayor of Shanghai, today pledged to stabilize commodity prices, suppress profiteering, increase production and maintain internal security and social order.

He was speaking at a ceremony in which he assumed the governorship of the island fortress of Taiwan.

Mr. Wu said, "The people in Taiwan, like those on the mainland, are 100 per cent against Communism. Therefore, personal differences must be forgotten and discarded in the common war."

"An honest government is the absolute need. Corruption and inefficiency will be eradicated down to the lowest level in the administration."

General Chen Cheng, who was replaced by Mr. Wu, said in a short address, "There is so much to be done. Many things have been accomplished, but there is so much work remaining that we must co-operate and support the new Government."

"I personally will do all in my power to that end."

That was almost a purely provincial performance. The sole official Central Government representation in the ceremony was a short speech by Wang Yao, Nationalist Comptroller, who was appointed to supervise the takeover.

Mr. Wu takes office at a time when the Nationalist Government is trying to re-establish its capital here on the basis of maintaining the international status against the "defection" of China's wartime allies.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. George Yeh, told the United Press that the world should realize the fact that Nationalist China is still fighting on the mainland.

He said, "We are now entering a new phase in Taiwan. We still have forces on the mainland. The capture of Kunming proved that we still are holding out in South West China."

At present our immediate problem is to co-ordinate island and mainland operations. It includes Taiwan and Hainan.

"Hainan will be the most important base outside Taiwan and the defense of which integrally includes that of Luzhou peninsula, where the Nationalist forces are still operating. We plan to hold Luzhou."

The opening up of an international airport in the extreme South of the island indicates that the Government is anxious to maintain international air traffic.

Few here think that Mr. Yeh's warning on Tuesday is likely to prevent or even delay the British Commonwealth countries' recognition of the Peking government.

Sources said that the British Government had decided that recognition could no longer be withheld from the Peking regime.

The British decision has been made after full consultation with other Commonwealth members, they added.—United Press.

French deny Chinese Red allegation

Paris, December 21.
French authorities today denied a charge by the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, that French aircraft from Indo-China had violated the "sacred territorial air" of Communist China.

A dispatch from Saigon said the French Air Force high command there had stated that there is no basis for Mr. Chou's charges, aired on the Communist radio in Peking yesterday.

Mr. Chou said the alleged violation took place on December 14 and he warned that France would have to bear the responsibility for "all consequences resulting from this hostile action."—United Press.

FRENCH CRISIS WORSENS

Paris, December 21.
The Premier, Georges Bidault, tonight decided to stake his Government's life in an open showdown with the National Assembly over balancing the 1950 budget.

With full Cabinet backing, he plans to go before the Assembly, probably tomorrow night, to demand a confidence vote on the 2,275,000,000 franc budget—the highest in French history.

France must balance her budget or risk losing US\$700,000,000 worth of Marshall Aid next year. By law, the budget must be voted by midnight of December 31.

With less than 11 days left before the deadline, M. Bidault is still in open conflict with the Assembly's Finance Commission and the Government's situation is becoming increasingly precarious.

Many Socialist and Radical Socialist deputies strongly oppose any suggestion to raise taxes.

They may vote against the Government, although both Parties are represented in Mr. Bidault's Coalition Cabinet.—United Press.

FRENCH VOTE ON RECOGNITION

Paris, December 21.
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly today urged the Cabinet to contact other nations with a view to the eventual recognition of the Communist Chinese government.

A motion urging this was approved by 23 votes to 14.

The negative votes were Communists who want France to recognize Mao Tse-tung's government immediately.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-U.S. AMITY A NECESSITY

Canberra, December 21.
Australia's future and the hope of world peace lie in closer co-operation between America and the British Empire, the Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, said today in his first formal interview since taking over Australia's new Right Wing Coalition Government.

The handsome, gray-haired Prime Minister sat in the same simply furnished office that he occupied as Prime Minister from 1939 to 1941 and told this correspondent that Australia wants closer co-operation with America, not out of wartime friendship, but out of real mutual understanding.

"The more we develop the economic resources of the British Empire, the more we shall be capable of buying and selling with the United States," he said.

"We do not believe there is any inconsistency between maximum development of Empire countries and maximum economic contacts with the United States."

"You may take it that on all matters concerning our political, financial and general economic relationships my Government will at all times welcome consultation with the United States on the highest level."

"I think it is vital to the United States that we should become as strong as possible," said Mr. Menzies.

He declined to say whether he would negotiate a trade treaty with the United States, terming that a "Ministerial matter," nor would he comment on a possible dollar loan.

Mr. Menzies also praised the Marshall Plan.—United Press.

FILM MARKET IN AMERICA

New York, December 21.
The Motion Picture Association of America is expected to invite delegates from six film producing countries to confer on its plan for helping overseas producers to find a better market in the United States.

According to the entertainment trade magazine, "Variety," the countries concerned are Italy, France, Sweden, Spain, Argentina and Mexico.

Formal approval was given at a meeting of the Association last week to the plan for creating an information and advisory unit to help foreign producers.

"Variety" said: "It is hoped to cut down on the urge to kick American distributors around by creating goodwill through the new unit."—Reuter.

WARD HAS LUNCH WITH MACARTHUR

Tokyo, December 21.
Mr. Angus Ward, former United States Consul General in Mukden, lunched with General Douglas MacArthur at the American Embassy and discussed the situation in Communist China and Manchuria as the American diplomat and his staff neared the end of their four-day stay in Japan.

Mr. Ward and his party, minus four members who are remaining in Japan, will sail at 6 p.m. tomorrow for San Francisco aboard the ss. President Wilson.—United Press.

ANGUS WARD LEAVES JAPAN

Tokyo, December 22.
Mr. Angus Ward, former American Consul-General at Mukden, left Japan for the United States aboard the President Wilson from Yokohama yesterday.

Before leaving Mr. and Mrs. Ward lunched with General MacArthur, and met the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida.—Reuter.

PI opposition to influx of KMT officials

Manila, December 22.
Strong opposition is developing in some official quarters here to either the Chinese Nationalist Government, as such, or its individual leaders taking refuge in the Philippines in the event of the fall of Taiwan to the Communists.

The opposition has become vocal as a result of several recent conferences between the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Chen Chih-ping, and President Elpidio Quirino.

According to reports from Baguio, where the Philippines' chief executive is shaping future policies, Mr. Chen is asking relaxation of immigration quotas for Chinese which some circles interpret as preparation for a mass flight of Nationalists from Taiwan.

Senator Mariano Jesus Cuenco, who will become Senate President when the new Congress meets on December 30, in an interview with The Associated Press, said the Philippines is courting danger of attack from the Chinese Communists should it admit Chinese Nationalist officials into the country.

Mr. Cuenco pointed out that even though such officials should deny any intention of setting up an exile government, there would be nothing to prevent their doing so once they were here.

Mr. Cuenco also said there are 10,000 Chinese Nationalists in the Philippines ready to cause trouble should a provisional Nationalist government be organized here.

Some members of the Cabinet and the body of elder statesmen known as the Council of State are known to share Senator Cuenco's views.

Attitude to Peking

Mr. Quirino has publicly stated by his announcement that political exiles are entitled to refuge here, but those opposing involvement in Chiang Kai-shek's troubles are counselling him to use caution.

Many members of the Foreign Office, which Mr. Quirino himself heads, are said to be asking for a review of the Philippines' attitude toward recognition of the Chinese Communist regime.

The public attitude of the Philippines thus far has closely followed that of the U.S.—wait and see.

But recent visits here of foreign officials formerly long stationed in China have caused a swing in opinion that the Philippines should go ahead with the decision to recognize the Chinese Communist government.

Mr. Quirino's advisers are likely to give the question a thorough review in the next few days.—Associated Press.

RFC LOWERS TIN PRICE

New York, December 21.
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation today trimmed the price of spot Grade A tin 1/4 cent a pound to 78 cents, New York.

The new price, announced by the Tin Sales Corporation, selling agency of the RFC, was still a quarter cent above the quotation for Straits tin offered in the outside market in New York on Tuesday and today.

Pontiff's speech in Russian

Vatican City, December 21.
The first broadcast in Russian of a speech by the Pope will be made on Friday, Vatican Radio announced today.

The speech—one of the most solemn in the career of the 73-year-old Pope Pius XII—will herald the opening on Christmas Eve of the Catholic Church's Holy Year.

The Pope will speak in Italian, appealing for a new peace on earth and calling on all who have lost their faith to return to the Church.

Besides Russian translations of the speech it will be broadcast in 13 other languages spoken in Eastern Europe—Ukrainian, Byelorussian, Polish, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, Croat, Slovenian, Bulgarian, Rumanian, Latvian, Estonian and Lithuanian.

It will also be broadcast in eight principal languages of the world.—Reuter.

CABINET DISCUSSES JAPAN

London, December 21.
Cabinet Ministers tonight discussed Britain's attitude toward a Japanese peace treaty, an informant disclosed.

This informant also disclosed that senior finance officials of the Commonwealth nations will meet at Colombo at the same time as the Foreign Ministers.

They will map Commonwealth needs for dollar purchases, including oil.

The question of a Japanese peace treaty has been under study in both Washington and London for months.

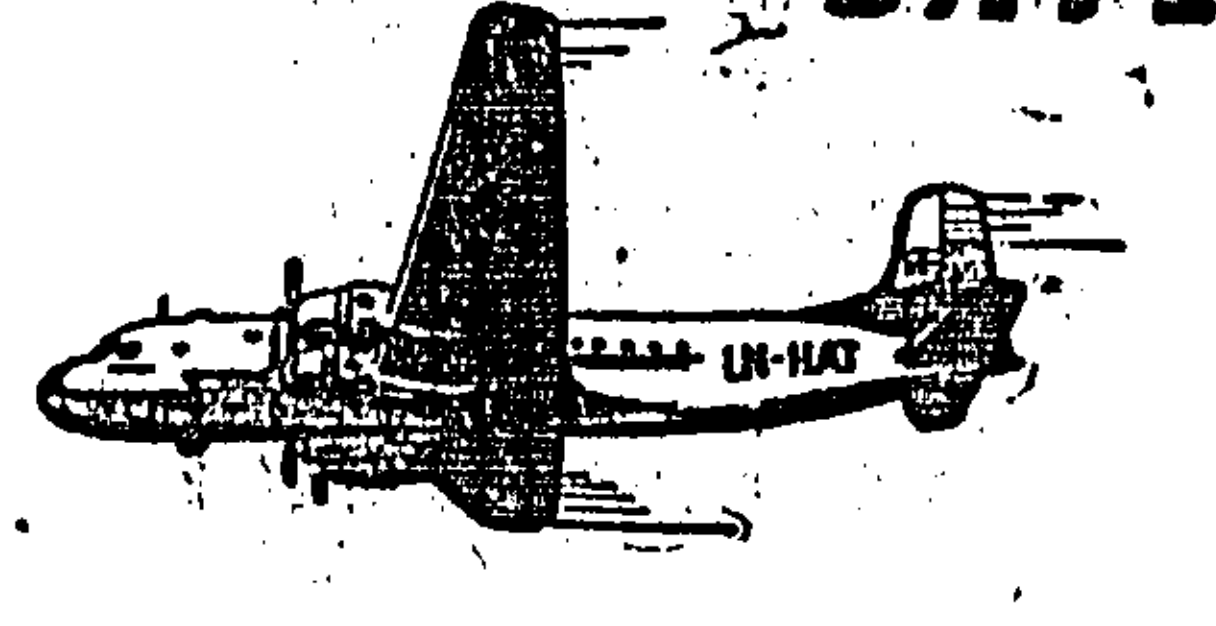
The United States State Department is preparing a draft treaty due for completion by the end of the year.

The financial experts who also will meet in Ceylon are to decide on the dollar needs of the entire Commonwealth area.

One of the area's heaviest dollar drains has been Commonwealth and sterling area purchases of dollar oil.

Britain has announced a halt in purchases of all dollar fuel oil imports and a one-third reduction in dollar petrol exports beginning January 1.—Associated Press.

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Malayan bandit offensive opens

Kuala Lumpur, December 21.

Terrorists killed nine persons, including three British soldiers, in four ambushes in the past 24 hours.

They wounded 20, including five British soldiers.

The Communist attacks appeared to be the start of the concerted offensive threatened by terrorists last week.

This morning bandits ambushed troops and police six miles from Seremban, killing three and wounding five British soldiers.

Fighting back, the British forces killed one bandit, wounded five and captured one.

In the Klang area of Pahang his morning, bandits ambushed a bus killing the driver and conductor and wounding two special constables and five passengers, including a pregnant woman.

The wounded constables fired back, killing one bandit.

In the Klang area of Johore, bandit gang on Tuesday ambushed a forestry lorry, killing two policemen and one Malay labourer and wounding six labourers and a Tamil driver special constable.

Food looted

Also in the Klang area, bandits shot dead a motorcyclist on the main road, then held up a lorry and looted food. This afternoon bandits attacked a police station in a lonely area of Malacca, but there were no casualties.

Last night, in a big attack on Kemayan Estate in the Mentakab area of Pahang, five labourers were abducted. Associated Press.

Miss McKell's visit to HK

Canberra, December 21.

Miss Betty McKell, daughter of the Governor-General, William McKell, will be the guest of President Quirino in Manila during her trip to the Orient. In the course of which she will visit Hong Kong, leaving Sydney on Christmas Day. Miss McKell will travel alone aboard the Merkur. On her arrival in Manila, she will stay either at the Malacanang Palace or in the presidential suite of the Manila Hotel, according to Roberto Regala, the Philippine Consul-General here. Miss McKell will also visit Hong Kong briefly, then go on to Tokyo on her organized trip, which will last about nine or 10 weeks. —Reuter.

FOREIGN TRADE OF JAPAN

Washington, December 21.

The Commerce Department today estimated that Japan's total foreign trade for 1949 would reach \$1,440,000,000 compared with \$2,058,000,000 for the peak year of 1937. —Associated Press.

MAO MAKES BIRTHDAY EULOGY OF STALIN

London, December 21.

The Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, today paid tribute to Premier Josef Stalin as the "teacher and friend" of the Chinese people, according to Radio Moscow.

Mao was among the foreign representatives who spoke and brought greetings to Stalin. Mao, speaking in Chinese, opened with a tribute to Premier Stalin as the "teacher and friend" of the Chinese people, as the man responsible for the development of the revolutionary theory of Marxism and Leninism and as the "most outstanding colonial contributor to the cause of the international Communist movement."

Mao's speech, followed the same pattern emphasizing the importance of Stalin's friendship toward China in the Chinese people's struggle against "oppressors."

Mao concluded, "Permit me to express the best wishes for happiness and flourishing of our great ally, the Soviet Union, headed by Commander Stalin. Long live the Soviet Union, the bulwark of democracy in the whole world. Long live the great Stalin, leader of the working class of the world and of the international Communist movement."

Molotov, writing in "Pravda", said there are many countries ripe for Communist revolution, but that the first task of the Communist faithful is to fight the social-democrats and other "split-ters of the working class."

He said that Communism could not triumph in all countries simultaneously, but that it could triumph at first in single countries.

This triumph has been accomplished in Russia. The victory of Socialism in our country has graphically demonstrated that the so-called objective conditions for the victory of Socialism have long matured in the countries of Europe, and not only of Europe," he continued.

Stalin prophesy

Molotov recalled that in 1923 Stalin had hailed the October Revolution as the turning point in the history of the Russian Communist party. "This turning point has not reached its final development, since it has not yet developed on an international scale," Stalin wrote in 1923. "But its content and general direction are already taking shape with sufficient clarity."

He said that the prophetic character of these words are apparent today. "At the same time," he added, "all can see how far our country has advanced, and how greatly the

international situation has changed since that time." In another "Pravda" article, Molotov, Deputy President of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, sprinkled talk of peace in a long discussion of the need for Communist parties to criticize themselves.

Molotov said: "Exposed in their adventurous plan, the warmongers want to deceive the common people by false allegations that the Communists consider the peaceful co-existence between countries of Socialism and capitalist countries to be impossible. Actually, Comrade Stalin has repeatedly and categorically declared that the Soviet Union proceeds from the fact of an inevitable co-existence for a prolonged period of the two systems of socialism and capitalism, and firmly adhered to the course of loyal peace-loving relations with all those states which display a desire for friendly co-operation on a condition of observance of the principles of reciprocity and fulfillment of obligations assumed."

Flags out

All over the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Communist China the flags were out today for Stalin. It was the 70th birthday of the shoe-maker's son, who has ruled all the Russias for a crucial quarter of a century.

The bands played, the people danced. In every capital of every Communist country there were ceremonial meetings to give politicians the opportunity of paying tribute to Stalin, the "man of steel."

And from every radio set boomed the voices of announcers reading the thousands of words in praise of the Soviet leader which had been printed in the morning newspapers.

Of news bulletins from 30 countries heard in London today only two made no mention of the birthday. These two broadcasts were from Vatican City and from Belgrade, the capital of Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia.

In Moscow, according to Tass, messages received in London, the main feature of the day's celebrations was a big meeting at the Bolshoi Theatre.

Delegates from all over Russia and from other countries were present and each in turn made a speech in praise of Stalin.

The chief birthday gift of the Soviet people was a promise to break output records from elsewhere. Trains, trucks, and other vehicles, have been rumbling through East Europe to the Kremlin for days. They are being displayed in a Moscow museum.

Some of the birthday epithets for Stalin included, "Leader of progressive humanity," "the people's great strategist," "Saviour of humanity from Hitler slavery," "Hero," "Father," "Sun," and "Eagle."

Discordant note

Cables from Europe told of widespread celebrations with one discordant note from Yugoslavia.

A salute of 60 guns was being fired today in Belgrade, but not for Stalin whose birthday was being ignored. Marshal Tito was celebrating Yugoslavia's Army Day.

In Hungary, Budapest's finest avenue was re-named after Stalin and a new statue of the Russian leader is to be erected in the city.

In Bulgaria the Black Sea Port of Varna has been re-named Stalin.

Socialist attack on Cominform

London, December 21.

The International Socialist conference tonight called on the workers of the world to oppose the Cominform as a Russian fifth-column openly fomenting war.

The conference issued a statement charging that the Cominform was an agency of the Soviet Union which all Communist Parties were compelled to obey.

The statement said the Cominform was openly fomenting war throughout one-half of the world and in all countries except Russia it treats national feeling as an original heresy.

The Socialist International was formed in 1948 and claims to represent millions of Socialists and Labour Party members in Europe. The British Labour Party is a member. —United Press.

In Rumania the Cabinet decided to set up a monument to Stalin in the capital.

In Czechoslovakia the Prime Minister, Antonin Zapotocky, laid the foundation stone of a statue of Stalin overlooking Prague.

New silver coins bearing Stalin's image, new Stalin stamps and new bank-notes are being issued today.

In Berlin a joint meeting of both Houses of the East German Parliament unanimously approved a greetings resolution. Later there were fireworks and a torchlight ceremony.

Under den Linden, famous avenue in the Soviet sector of Berlin, was a mass of red flags and banners.

Peking parades

Processions of factory workers and companies of black-uniformed "People's Police" filed by torchlight past the President of East Germany, Dr. Wilhelm Pieck, at a birthday ceremony in East Berlin tonight.

Rockets and fireworks were exploded when the Mayor of East Berlin, Herr Fritz Ebert, announced the re-naming of the street in which the celebrations took place from Frankfurter Allee to Stalin-Allee.

In China, street dancing and formal parades throughout the Chinese Communist capital of Peking highlighted the celebrations.

In Moscow itself, searchlights tonight picked out a giant effigy of Stalin in a Marshal's uniform and suspended from balloons a thousand feet above the Kremlin and Red Square.

The red-trimmed uniformed figure dominated the night sky over the Soviet capital and could be seen from all parts of the city. Millions of small red flags fluttered over buildings while thousands of red banners proclaimed "Valkomus Stalinu" — "Glory To The Great Stalin."

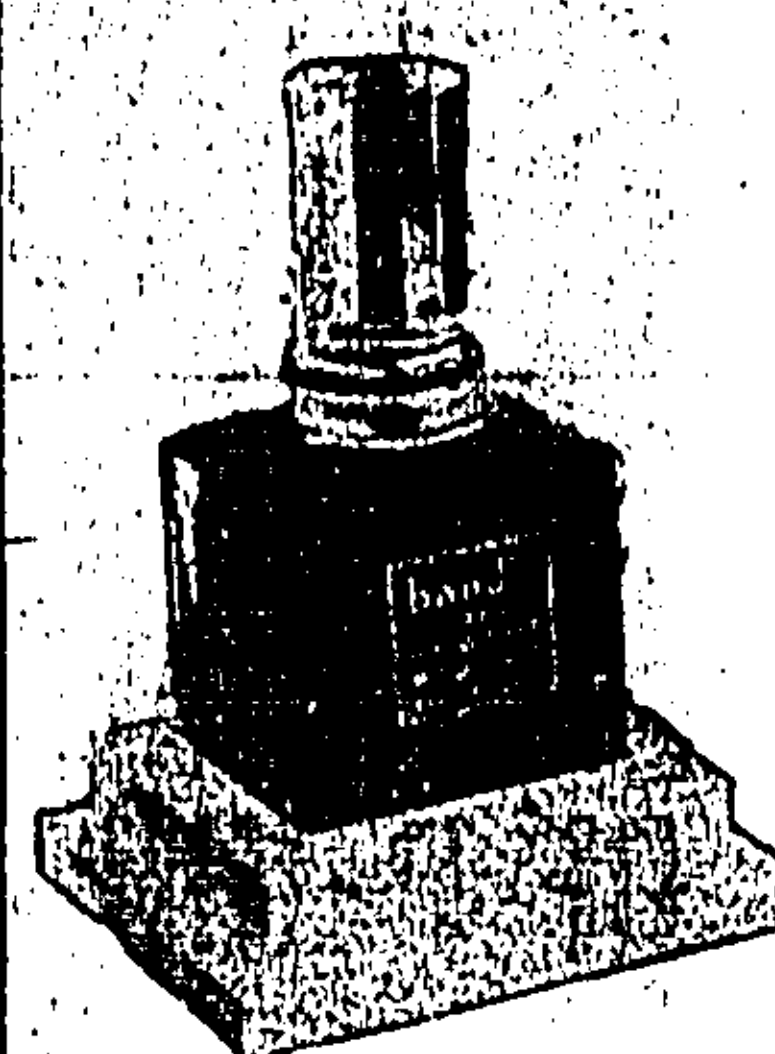
Four portraits of slogans were picked out with millions of electric light bulbs. Thousands of portraits of Stalin all over the city were also illuminated, throwing a warm glow over the snow-covered streets.

In many cases Lenin's portrait is beside that of Stalin. Sometimes four portraits—Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin—are displayed side by side.

This is the case outside the Bolshoi Theatre where a celebration meeting was held tonight. A message from Paris says that Communist Deputies in the French National Assembly rose to their feet and shouted "Long Live Stalin" when the Communist Deputy, M. Waldeck Rochet, referred to Stalin's 70th birthday at the end of a speech in the budget debate.

The incident lasted about a minute. It is reported from New York that Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary-General, sent birthday greetings to Marshal Stalin.

The contents were not disclosed. A spokesman said that it was a "personal message". —United Press and Reuter.



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Miss Valerie Hobson, the well-known film actress, recently flew from London to Rome by BOAC Argonaut. She was going to Italy to spend a few days with her husband, Anthony Havelock Allen, the film producer, who is there on location, arranging details for the production of a new British film "The Eagle and the Lamb." Photograph shows Miss Hobson going aboard the BOAC Argonaut service at London Airport.

STRASBOURG TALKS ON EUROPE'S UNITY

Strasbourg, December 21.

The General Affairs Commission of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe tonight finished its three-day discussions on the means of creating a European political authority.

It sent a report on the subject to the O.E.C.C. and the Consultative Commission of the Brussels Pact Powers.

Replies are called for by early January.

The next meeting of the General Affairs Commission will be held in February and it is learned that it will have a four-point agenda before it. These four points are as follows:

(1) The role and power of the Committee of Ministers; whether it shall become an executive organ for the Council of Europe or be transformed into an Upper Chamber or Senate.

(2) The evolution of the Consultative Assembly towards its final metamorphosis as a legislative body covering all economic and political matters except defence.

(3) The responsibility of the proposed Executive before the Assembly.

(4) The duties of the Permanent Commission and its possible metamorphosis into an executive body or a parliamentary body working in collaboration with the Executive.

British Empire attitude

The Commission tonight unanimously adopted a proposal calling on the President of the Assembly, the Belgian statesman, Mr. Paul-Henri Spaak, asking him to request the British Government to call Commonwealth talks with Council of Europe representatives present so that the Commonwealth could define exactly its attitude to Britain's present and future participation in the Council.

The talks would be both economic and political.

Mr. Hugh Dalton (Great Britain), questioned about the Commission's proposal, said that Britain's attitude to the Council is not dependent on the Commonwealth but that the proposal emphasised the respect of the British representatives for Commonwealth opinion.

Mr. Dalton also said here tonight that the Council of Europe will soon have a prefabricated home.

AGREEMENT NEAR ON ATLANTIC PACT AID

Washington, December 21.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced today that "substantially complete agreement" had been reached with the North Atlantic powers on what military assistance should be provided to them under the arms aid programme in 1950.

Mr. Acheson told a Press conference that although the negotiation of bilateral agreements outlining the conditions under which aid was to be supplied are not yet concluded, "substantially complete agreement has been reached on what the fiscal 1950 funds shall be spent for."

Mr. Acheson said that with the exception of Britain, detailed negotiation of bilateral agreements is in progress with all the North Atlantic powers who had requested military assistance.

Discussions with Britain are still at the stage of "general principles."

Arrangements are being made for the provision of United States personnel to individual countries "qualified to assist in the assembly of complicated modern weapons with which many of these countries are not familiar and to help them to learn how to operate and maintain the equipment."

Asked about reports of anxiety in Scandinavian countries on the numbers of United States personnel who would be sent under this part of the programme, he replied that he had not heard of such reports but the United States would adjust its missions to the desired needs and wishes of the various countries.

Talks with U.K.

Mr. Acheson said: "For the past several weeks the United States Government has been discussing the bilateral agreements with the North Atlantic countries who have requested military assistance."

"With Italy, Norway, Denmark, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg these discussions have proceeded from questions of general principle to details of philosophy."

"With respect to the United Kingdom, the discussion is still on general principles."

"It is essential, in my judgment, to discuss fully and frankly any questions which may be in the minds of other Governments with respect to the way in which the programme will be carried out in advance of the signing of any agreement and the initiation of any programme."

Rational way

"This seems to me to be elementary common sense both from our standpoint and from that of the other countries."

"In this connection I understand and appreciate the action of the United Kingdom in coming to us with their worries in advance. It has given me an opportunity to make clear the intentions of this Government."

"We are now engaged in an exchange of views which represents the sensible, rational way in which governments with a common purpose and common problems reach agreement."

"The framework of the bilateral talks was laid down by the Congress after public hearings and full debate. I do not think it appropriate to discuss their specific language while the negotiations are in progress."

"When they are signed they will be published and will, of course, be registered with the United Nations. At that time I shall be glad to discuss their terms."

Reuter.

LONDON VIEW ON TALKS

London, December 21.

New United States proposals about conditions under which Britain can receive her share of the \$1,000,000,000 fund for arming the Western Allies are under consideration in London, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

According to informed sources these proposals go a long way towards meeting British objections on supply restrictions which have so far delayed the two States in starting negotiations for a bilateral agreement under the Mutual Defence Assistance Programme.

Reports in London and Washington previously had indicated that the exchanges had virtually reached deadlock and that Britain would prefer the risk of failure to get agreement rather than accept aid on American terms.

Diplomatic quarters think that there is a good chance of Britain starting the negotiations with the United States in which she is lagging behind other Western European pact members.

According to London reports France and Italy are well into the negotiating stage and have succeeded in obtaining substantial American concessions.

British official quarters have repeatedly stated that the heart of American aid which Britain might receive would be much smaller than that of other Western European members.

Restrictions to which Britain was believed to have objected concerned the supply of military equipment outside the North Atlantic area—to Arab States, Malaya or Hong Kong, for example—and conditions requiring Britain to make certain payments for American defence installations in Britain.

It had been unofficially forecast that Britain would receive about 70 Superfortresses as a major part of the aid.—Reuter.

London, December 21.

The Right Reverend Cyril Conrad Cockerill was today consecrated Catholic Bishop of Southwark in Westminster Cathedral. The ceremony was conducted by Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster.—Reuter.



MR. ACHESON

TYPHOID IN SHIP

London, December 21.

Cases of typhoid fever have been confirmed among the crew of the 21,039-ton P. & O. liner Mooltan, which docked in London six days ago with 347 passengers from Australia, a spokesman of the Company disclosed today.

The Mooltan's sailing due on January 4, has been cancelled.

Since she arrived in London 14 of the crew of 431—she also carried a spare crew of 234—have been taken to hospital.

The Ministry of Health stated today that six of these cases have now been confirmed as typhoid and the other eight are suspected typhoid cases.

The Health Ministry is notifying the outbreak to health officers in towns to which passengers and crew have travelled.

The Mooltan, already quarantined twice before this year because of smallpox aboard, called at Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Suez, Port Said and Marseilles on the voyage home from Australia.

Immediately she docked in London three suspected typhoid cases were sent to hospital, followed shortly afterwards by 11 more. Six confirmed cases were moved to a fever hospital.—Reuter.

CAPTAINS DIE AT SEA

Hamburg, December 21.

The Norwegian motorship Rimfrost and the Finnish steamer Virgo reached this morning that their ship-masters have died at sea.

The Rimfrost is owned by Skips A. S. Frostfart in Oslo. She is on her way from Oslo to Hamburg.

The Virgo is owned by Finiska Anot. Akties in Helsingfors. She is also bound for Hamburg.

The cause of the death in both cases is not yet known.—Reuter.

Labour all set for the elections

London, December 21.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, was told at a meeting of Labour leaders here today that the Party machine is keyed up and ready for a general election any time from now on.

The National Executive Committee of the Labour Party reported to him on election preparedness as a result of surveys of public opinion throughout Britain.

Mr. Attlee's secret date of the general election, however, still remains undivulged.—Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION

Mans, December 21.

A Hungarian miner, Sander Grozke, was killed today when an explosion occurred in a coal mine near here. Two other miners—on Italian and a Pole—are still trapped late tonight. Rescuers are trying to get at them.

Of the 42 miners who escaped today two were slightly injured. Ten of them, however, were taken to hospital suffering from gas intoxication.

The explosion occurred when the roof of a gallery caved in, provoking an accumulation of fire damp.—Reuter.

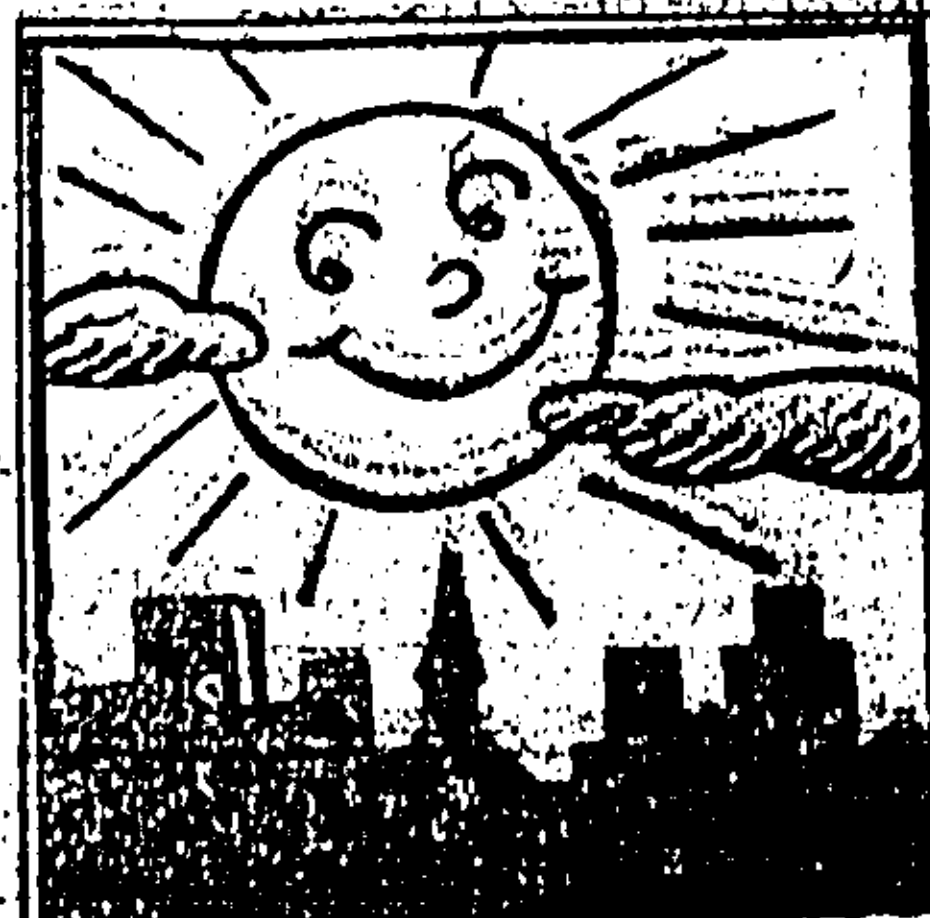
PAKISTAN SHIP IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, December 21.

Greetings from Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Commissioner General for South-East Asia, and Sir Franklin C. Gimson, Governor of Singapore, were read at a party here today in honour of the officers and men of HMPS Jhelum, flagship of the Royal Pakistan Navy.

The Jhelum, which arrived here at the end of November and has completed repairs in dry dock, will sail for Penang and Karachi in a few days.

The party was organised by the Overseas Pakistan League of Singapore. The officers and men of the warship were greeted with cheers and cries of "Pakistan Zindabad" (Long Live Pakistan)—Reuter.



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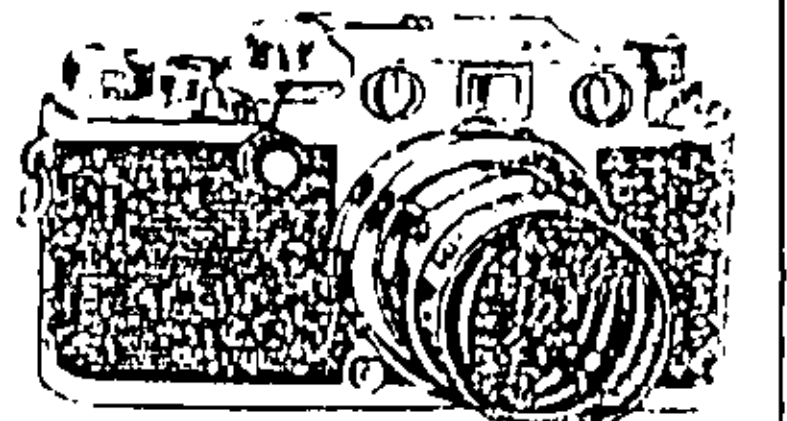
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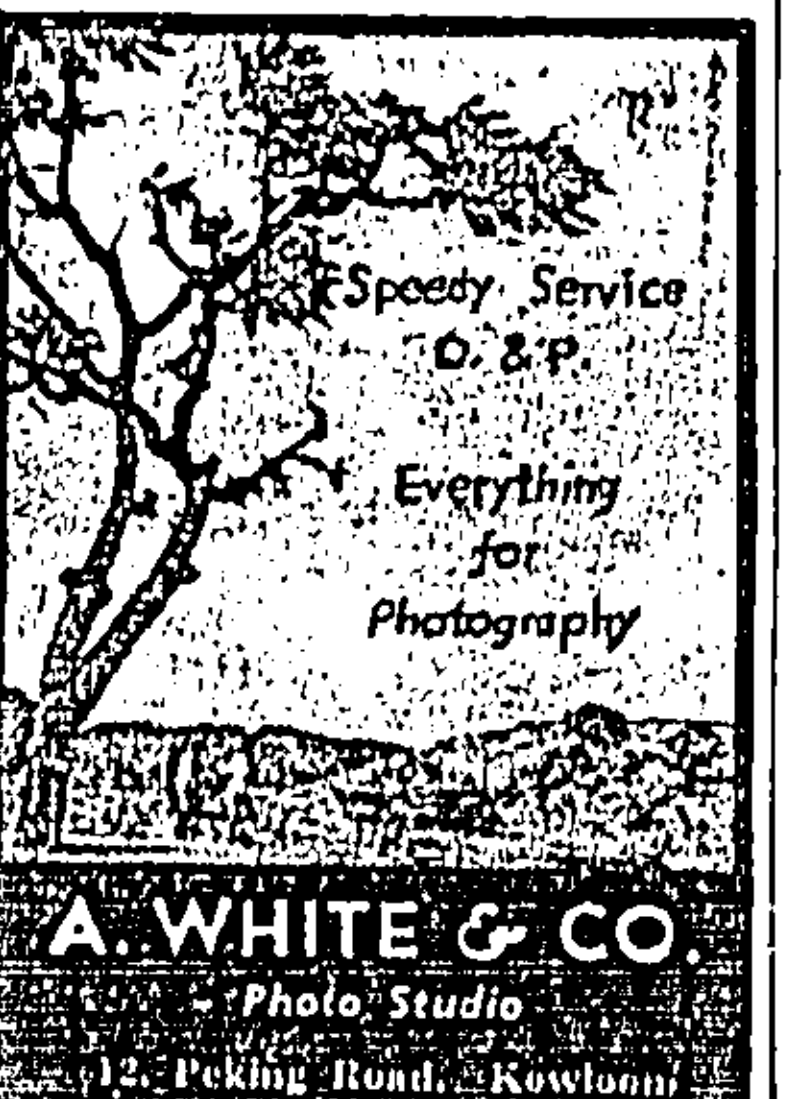
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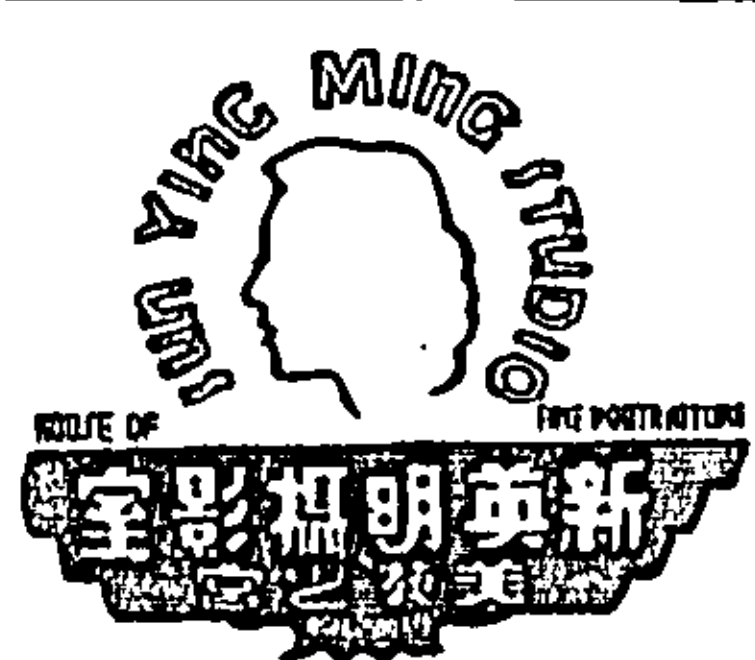
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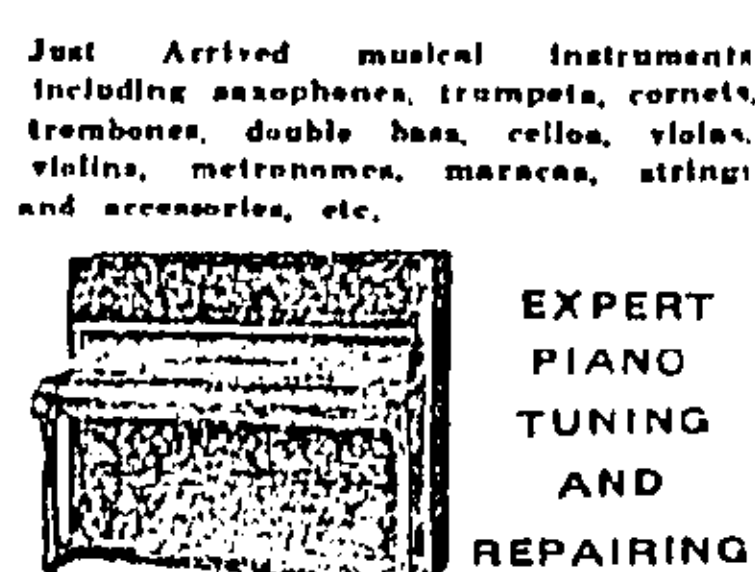
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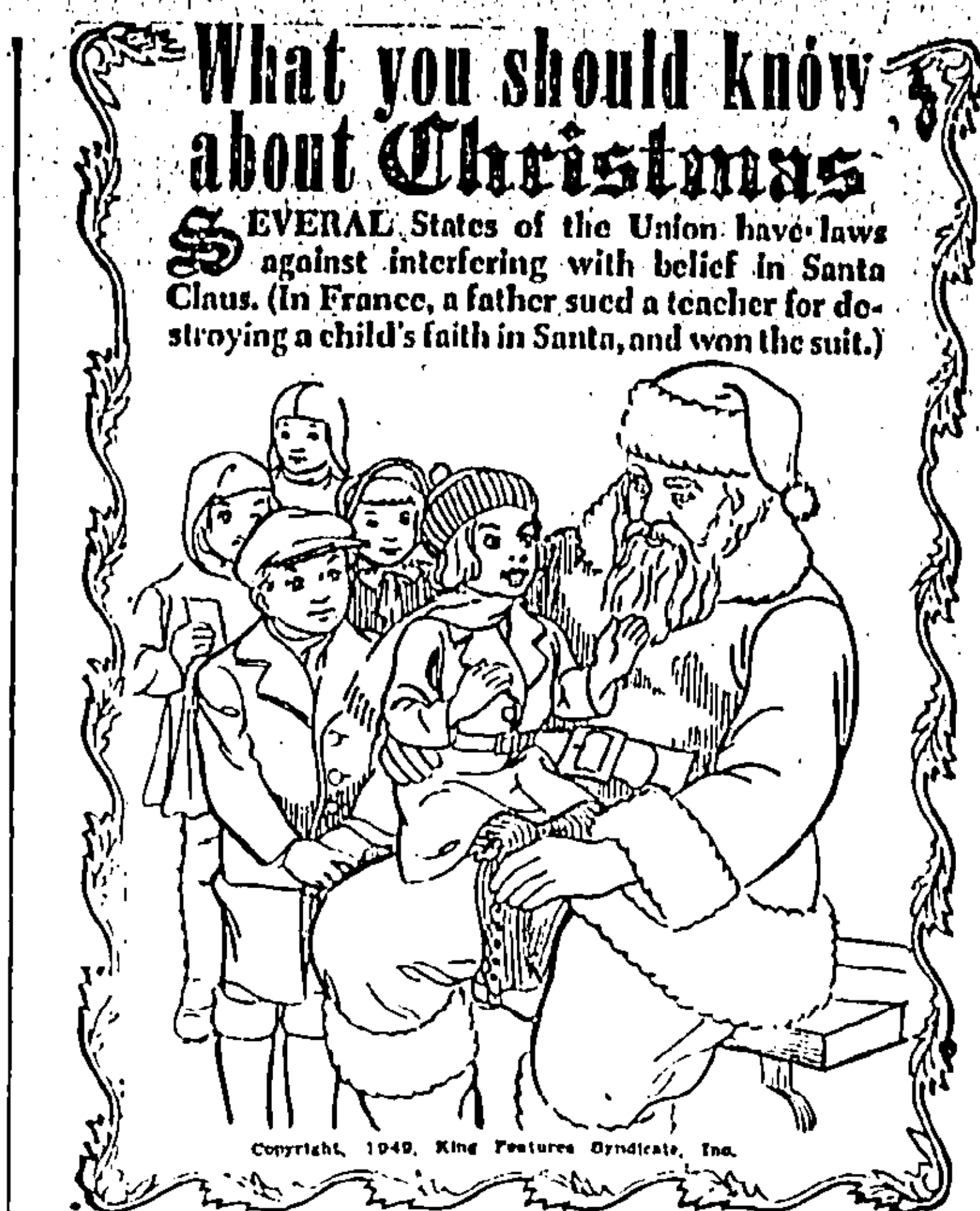
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Truman speaks on peace essentials

Washington, December 21.

President Truman declared today that there would be eternal peace if the world rejected dictatorships and turned to God.

"If man could achieve self-government, and friendship with his God throughout the world, peace would not tremble in the constant dread of war," Mr. Truman said.

He was making a speech of dedication to the World War dead at the Arlington National Cemetery here.

"Mankind is exhausted from the ordeal of conflict," Mr. Truman said. "All men are sick of blood-letting and hunger and weary of the troubles suffered for so many years."

"If we could mobilize world opinion among all men who walk the earth, there would never be another war."

Mr. Truman emphasized that the United States would remain armed until its offer of friendship had been accepted by the peoples of the totalitarian States.

"Until the captive peoples of the world emerge from their prisons, they cannot see the hand we hold out in friendship," he said.

After the President spoke, English chiming and Flemish bells rang out with "Nearer My God To Thee."—Reuter and United Press.

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London, December 21.

Britain is today the only country West of the Iron Curtain with a general rationing scheme still in effect, four years after the end of the war.

Week in and week out the British housewives crowd the shops and grocery stores to buy their weekly rations, which are, in many cases, less than they were at the height of the war.

Planning a meal is still a big headache for a British housewife, especially one with a limited budget, for unrationed foodstuffs are often beyond her means and a man can, and often does, eat his weekly meat ration at one sitting.

Rationing of certain foodstuffs first started in January, 1940, and today, almost 10 years later, the original butter and bacon ration of four ounces per head per week are still the same.

In 1940 the sugar ration was 12 ounces, today it is eight ounces. Meat has the saddest tale to tell. Meat was first rationed in March, 1940, at 1/10d. worth a week. In March this year it fell to only 16d. worth.

Today, a housewife gets 1/6d. worth on each buff-coloured ration book.

A Ministry of Food official said that it will be many years before Britain returns to its normal pre-war meat consumption. The only basic foodstuff that has come off the ration since the

war is jam. Bread was rationed and potatoes were allocated—rations vary in each district—since the war but unlimited supplies of each are now in the shops.

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A Briton also gets 24 points a month to spend. A tin of meat, enough for four people for one meal, costs about 12 points; a pound of rice takes eight points and costs 10 points.

Fish plentiful
One of the few basic foodstuffs which has never been rationed is fish. Cod, herrings and sole are

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Game, such as goose, poultry, partridge and pheasant, are not rationed but are extremely expensive and nearly always beyond the means of the average British housewife.

A chicken for four persons generally costs about 15 shillings. Sweets, chocolates and sugared drops are rationed to four ounces a week—or two small bars of chocolate.

Earlier this year sweets were de-rationed but the demand was so great and the queues at the sweet shops so long that many people got no sweets at all. Rationing was re-introduced after only two months.—United Press.

SHIP FIRE
Copenhagen, December 21.

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Rice plan for Africa

London, December 21.

A long-term plan for rice production for export in East and Central Africa was urged in a report published by the Colonial Office today.

The report stated that the exportable rice from Burma, Siam and French Indo-China had dwindled from the pre-war figure of five to six million tons to just over 2,000,000 tons, and called for fresh efforts to raise the standard of living of the rising population of the colonial empire by the expansion of rice production.

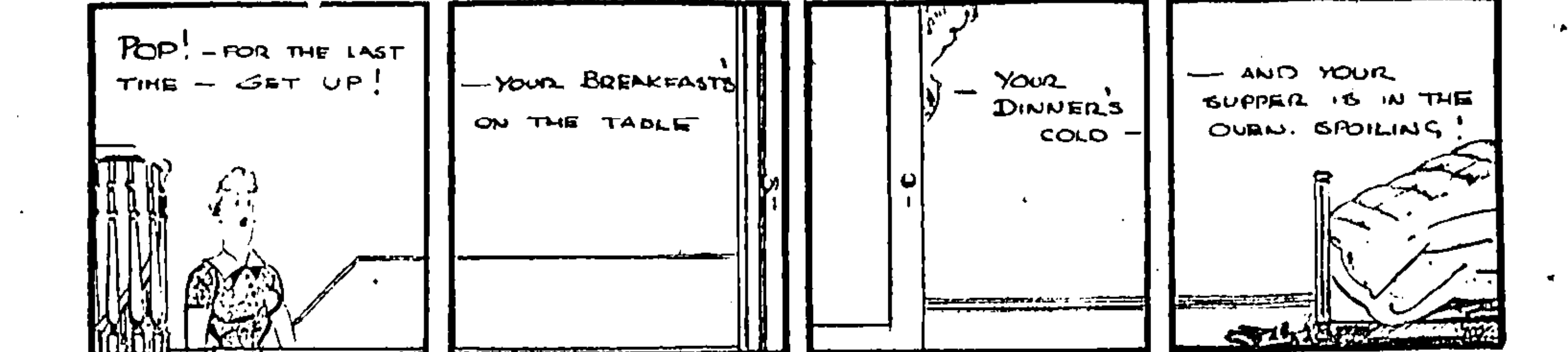
The report was the result of a five months' survey by the East African Rice Mission. It called particular attention to the vast areas of swamp land in Northern Rhodesia, and urged the setting up of a central rice research station in Tanganyika.—Reuter.

BOAC INCIDENT
London, December 21.

Two passengers and one of the crew were hurt when a British Overseas Airways Corporation Constellation airliner landed with a jolt near Reykjavik, Iceland, today, the Corporation announced here.

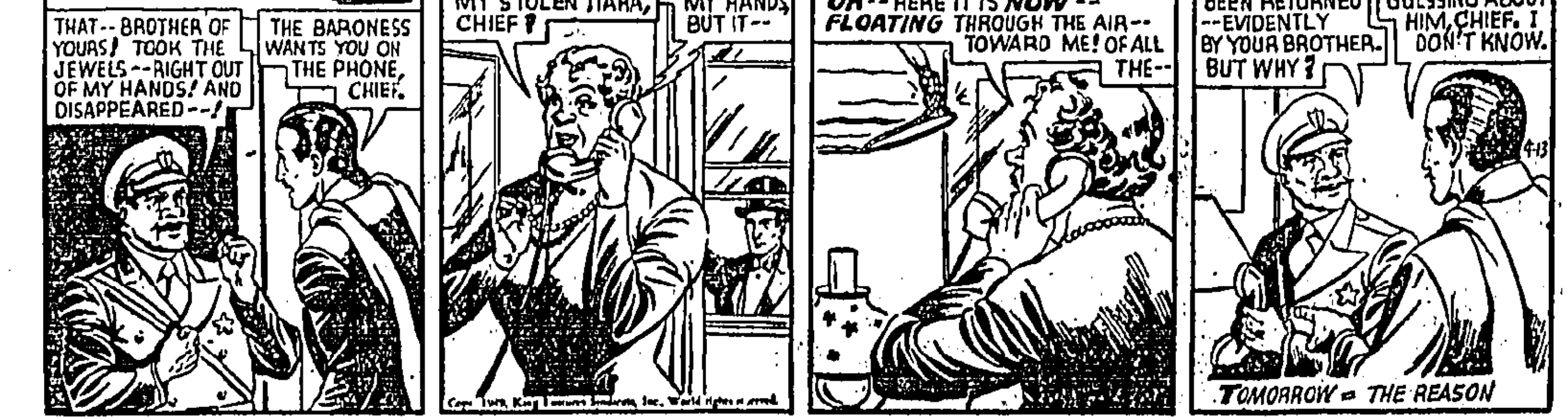
The plane, with 20 passengers on board, left London this morning for Montreal.—Reuter.

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	Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m. 1st Jan.
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New forestry scheme for the Territories

Israel may challenge UN order

Lake Success, December 21. Israel has served notice that it is considering a challenge of the legality of the United Nations Trusteeship Council's action in asking the Israel Government to revoke its designation of Jerusalem as its "eternal capital."

An Israeli spokesman said: "We have not yet received the Trusteeship Council's resolution in the meeting, the delegation is studying the question of whether, under the Charter, the Trusteeship Council is competent to address such a request to any government, involving repeal of its legislative or administrative acts in territory which it legitimately holds."

"Apparently a number of delegations in the Trusteeship Council yesterday were concerned with the same question," United Press.

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In his Annual Report for the period from April 1, 1948 to March 31, 1949, Mr. I.P. Tamworth, Forestry Officer, told of a scheme being introduced by which aid could be rendered to village communities in the New Territories who held forestry lots under licence for the purpose of growing pines.

The scheme was based on the modern forestry practice under which the villagers on consenting to place the management of their lots under the Forestry Department could receive financial aid in restocking their lots.

The immediate outcome of this arrangement is that the villagers are not permitted to cut the pine trees growing on the lot without the permission of the Forestry Officer.

Formerly they cut the pine trees prematurely in order to obtain a monetary return at the earliest possible moment. Under the new scheme they will be paid a wage to cover the cost of all planting operations carried out.

In order to avoid undue hardship and to assist in the building up of the capital value of the trees on the lots, approval has been given for the granting of small loans to the holders of forestry lots participating in the scheme against the market value of the pine trees growing on their lots.

This scheme was accepted voluntarily only by the Sai Kung District forestry lot holders where it is being given a five-year trial. At the end of this period the matter will be reviewed and the desirability of extending it to the remainder of the forestry lots in the New Territories will be considered.

Nursery enlarged

The Report continued that during 1948, the nursery at Lai Chi Kok, where all tubing of nursery seedling stock is carried out, had to be enlarged in order to accommodate the greatly increased stock of seedlings.

The total number of seedlings tubed at the nursery during the year was approximately 150,000 and the seedlings were kept on the site until ready for planting. Other small subsidiary nurseries at Shing Mun, Sokunpo, Fanning and Tai Po Kau were in use during the year, each producing over 5,000 seedlings raised in beds.

The Report went on to say that over 142,000 trees were planted on various plantations throughout Hong Kong and Kowloon while roadside planting of trees both in Hong Kong and the Mainland amounted to over 8,500.

The Forestry Department employed about 100 forest guards and foresters and the men were stationed in various localities to protect the areas from vandalism throughout the year. Convictions obtained against offenders under the Forestry Regulations numbered 130 during 1948-49.

The total revenue for the Department during the year amounted to \$25,112 made up of the following items:

Timber imports
Sales of firewood, \$15,229;
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Reuter.

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BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 7

Vocabulary:	
37. (ts'in) tsen	A cash. A coin.
38. (ts'ien) tsen	Money.
39. (ts'ien) tsen	To buy.
40. (ts'ien) tsen	To want. To need. To require.
41. (ts'ien) tsen	To wish. To desire. To want.
42. (ts'ien) tsen	To think about.
43. (ts'ien) tsen	A clock. A bell.
44. (ts'ien) tsen	To buy something. To shop.
45. (ts'ien) tsen	To want (need) money.
46. (ts'ien) tsen	Must buy.
47. (ts'ien) tsen	To want to buy.
48. (ts'ien) tsen	One clock.
49. (ts'ien) tsen	Mr. Sir. Gentleman. Teacher.
50. (ts'ien) tsen	Some one has come to see you.
51. (ts'ien) tsen	Who is it?
52. (ts'ien) tsen	Mr. Wong.
53. (ts'ien) tsen	Will you see him?
54. (ts'ien) tsen	Good morning, sir.
55. (ts'ien) tsen	Good morning.
56. (ts'ien) tsen	What do you want?
57. (ts'ien) tsen	I want money.
58. (ts'ien) tsen	What do you want money for?
59. (ts'ien) tsen	I want to buy something.
60. (ts'ien) tsen	What do you want to buy?
61. (ts'ien) tsen	I want to buy a clock.
62. (ts'ien) tsen	I have no money.
63. (ts'ien) tsen	Good-bye. (see you again).

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Bathing Up Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—Kellom's Breakfast Session.
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.
8.15—Christmas Calendar.
8.30—Random Rhythm.
8.45—Through The Looking Glass—A programme for women.
9.00—Morning Music.
9.20—Console and Keyboard.
9.30—Music For All.
9.45—Morning Melody.
10.00—Alfons Melodies.
10.15—Parade of Rhythm.

P.M.
12.05—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.15—The Music of Christmas.
12.30—Dance Music.
1.00—Singer.
1.15—News.
1.30—Music For You.
2.00—Afternoon Music—The Musical (Hendel)—A Christmas presentation—Isabel Ballie, Soprano; Gladys Ripley, Contralto; James Johnston, Tenor; Norman Walker, Bass and Huddersfield Choral Society (Chorus Master) Herbert Hargrave, with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent, Edward Cooper at the Organ—A British Council Programme.
2.30—Musical Makers.
2.45—Children's Corner—with Betty Britt.
3.00—Harmony Hall.
3.15—Radio Headlines.
3.30—Yuletide Traditions—Stories in music of some of our most charming Christmas traditions—A special feature.
3.45—The Jingle Jangle.
4.00—Do You Remember—Musical Memories.
4.15—B.B.C. News.
4.30—Candlelight and Silver—Dinner Music in a Light Classical vein.
4.45—Romantic Circle.
5.00—The Super-Gala Programme—The Sweetest of Serenades with Charles Jordan, tenor.
5.15—The Dairy Farm Programme—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.
5.30—B.B.C. News.
5.45—The Christmas Carol—with the Orchestra & Carol Singers.
6.00—"Story of the Carol" (5).
6.15—"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens—a Rediffusion hour-long dramatization.
6.30—"The Christmas Carol" (6).
6.45—"The Christmas Carol" (7).
6.55—"The Christmas Carol" (8).
7.00—Close Down.

Oil refineries to close down

Haifa, December 21. The Haifa refineries will suspend all work from tomorrow morning and 400 labourers are to be discharged. The British management said today that the decision was due to the impossibility of getting supplies of crude oil which had to come from South America and had to be paid for with dollars.

The management of the refineries worked for a week ago that work would have to stop from tomorrow. The Workers' Council asked the Israeli Government to operate the plant but the Government was said to be adopting the line that the company workers when the British and the matter should be referred to London.

The refineries, which are owned by the Consolidated Refineries of London, a subsidiary of the Anglo-Franco and Shell concerns, closed down originally when the British Army evacuated Palestine.

Two months later they were taken over by the Jewish authorities who returned them to British management last March. Reuter.

Italian Rice crop lower

Washington, December 21. The United States Department of Agriculture estimated today that Italy's 1949 rice production will amount to 33,100,000 bushels. The Department said, in a year-end survey, that the Italian crop in 1949 would be 24,000 bushels compared with the 1935-39 average of 37,620,000 bushels. Italian rice exports had been resumed for the first time since the war during the 1948-49 marketing year and an estimated 200 million pounds had been shipped, it added—Reuter.

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"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	25th Dec.
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJITJALENGKA" 5th Jan.	31st Dec.
"VAN HEUTSZ" 12th Jan.	7th Jan.
"TJIBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.

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"TJISADANE" 9th Jan.	

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"RIDERKERK" 9th Jan.	8th Jan.
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Hong Kong manufacturers' greatest challenge and the success or failure of their efforts will rest on two essentials of price and quality, said Mr. W.P. Montgomery, United Kingdom Trade Commissioner, yesterday.

Speaking from the Seventh Annual Chinese Products Exhibition, over Rediffusion network, Mr. Montgomery explained that the ultimate consumer at home evaluates Hong Kong commodities in relation to those from a number of competitive countries.

He said: "When I spoke from here 12 months ago, the Chinese Manufacturers' Union Exhibition in these grounds comprised some 150 manufacturers exhibiting at 228 stalls.

"This year are on show the exhibits of 210 factories, representing 44 different manufacturers at 427 stalls, including several new successful processes.

"Enquiries at individual stalls would indicate that number of items seem remarkably reasonable in price.

"Great care should be taken to have available price details, catalogues, etc. and in future planning you might ponder the advantages of some form of intermediary service such as a bid in the BIF which would be of immeasurable assistance to overseas buyers who are the people you primarily wish to attract.

"Given good conditions, the industrial prospects of the colony are highly promising. The outstanding event, from your point of view, has been the removal by the United Kingdom Board of Trade of most of the import controls as from October 5 and the installation of an open general licence.

A challenge

"Insofar as Hong Kong is concerned this means that many of the tentative enquiries made in your products at the last BIF may now be crystallised and the cumulative effect will be to assist in the readjustment of the hitherto imbalance of trade between the United Kingdom and this colony.

"Thus, whereas your exports to the United Kingdom for the whole of 1948 totalled £4,500,000, they are already for this year in excess of £6,000,000 and the November figures showed a £7,500,000 increase of £1,447,000 over the month of October.

"For those manufacturers, however, who propose concentrating on the United Kingdom market, I do want to say that the competitive challenge is now more acute and, in point of fact, the remark is pertinent to any overseas market.

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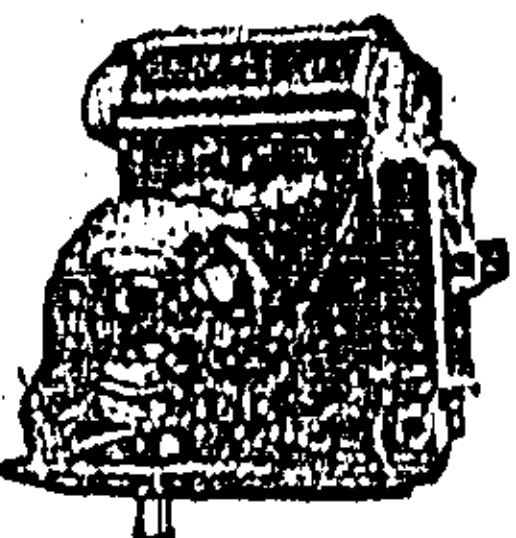
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RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR

The Governor has appointed a Committee to make recommendations regarding the allocation of recreation grounds.

The terms of reference of the Committee are:

Inter-Services Rifle meet

During the fourth day of the Inter-Services Rifle Meet held at Stonemasons yesterday, the Gables, Lymington, and the San Miguel Trophy were completed for.

The Gables, Lymington Trophy which consisted of 100 yards and 200 yards, was won by the Royal Navy.

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CHINA MAIL

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"Totoritis Fever" sweeping across Berlin like plague

(By Susanne Schuman)

Berlin, December 21. "Totoritis Fever" is sweeping across Berlin like the historic plague which almost ruined London. Doctors admit they are helpless to fight it. Unlike the city fathers of London, however, the Berlin city government is delighted with the epidemic-like spread of the fever.

"Totoritis Fever" is the name given by Berliners to the disease causing thousands of money-short people to dig deep into their pockets every week to try to pick the football winners. The pay-off is fantastic, but the odds are virtually insurmountable. Yet, each week a handful of these little gamblers win a small fortune. The ticket costs 50 pfennigs—12 cents—and a win will return between 20,000 and 50,000 marks—\$3,000 to \$13,000.

To win, one must pick the winners of 16 German football games, many of which end in ties. Frequently one or more persons pick each game correctly, including the ties, and

often there are several winners of the pool.

The fever began spreading in September when the Western Berlin City government, in a near-bankrupt state, decided to legalize gambling as a source of taxable income. Now the city gets an average monthly income of approximately 75,000 DM—\$10,000.

Effort to beat odds. Berliners study their "fussball" dope sheets all week long in an effort to beat the odds. They take their betting more seriously even than a Negro "bug" player in Atlanta or the US\$2 horse better at Hialeah.

Despite the vast unemployment in Western Berlin, it is estimated that close to 800,000 persons try their luck each week on picking the games.

All the Western newspapers run columns giving the selections of the "experts" and the "inside dope" on the capabilities of each team.

One enterprising bar, about to go out of business because of the shortage of patrons, tried a desperation cabaret show entitled "Totoritis." Overnight it was a success, and is now one of the most popular spots in Berlin. Americans, British and French play the game too, but so far only a handful of Russians have caught the fever.—United Press.

INDONESIA BILL SIGNED

The Hague, December 21. Queen Juliana today signed the Bill transferring sovereignty to Indonesia, after it had been passed by the first Chamber of Parliament by 34 votes to 15.

This was the last step in legalizing the actual transfer at a special ceremony in Amsterdam next Tuesday, when the Indonesian Premier, Dr. Mohamed Hatta, will accept the transfer, on behalf of the United States of Indonesia.

All four Communist members were among those opposing the Bill today. The Catholic People's Party and the Labour Party voted for it. In Batavia, Dutch forces are completing their general withdrawal to coastal concentration centres on the main islands of Java and Sumatra to await evacuation.—Reuters.

BERLIN FIRE

Berlin, December 21. Fire which broke out on the top floor of the Palace of Justice in Schoenberg today destroyed the new roof which was completed only a month ago. The top of the building had been open to the weather for five years since fire bombs destroyed it.—Associated Press.



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No rest for Home league footballers

London, December 21.

The Christmas holidays bring no rest for the League footballers. Instead of enjoying the festivities round their own firesides, many of them will spend Christmas on long train journeys.

Clubs are faced with the strenuous task of playing three games in four days. Consequently injuries and team changes may be numerous, and some surprising results are anticipated.

This is the testing time for clubs in the championships, promotion and relegation zones, and vital points must be gained.

Already there are signs that the top clubs are feeling the strain. Liverpool and Manchester United have played four games without a win, Arsenal five and Wolverhampton Wanderers 10.

Only Blackpool are producing championship form.

Liverpool, however, should strike a shining vein against their local Merseyside rivals, Everton, who have not won away since the opening day of the season on August 26.

A hard last game is indicated at Blackpool, where Portsmouth, the League champions, are visitors; defences will have to be at their best against attacks which include the Clarke (Portsmouth) and Stanley Murtenson (Blackpool), two of the leading marksmen in Division I.

Without sharpshooter. Another tough game should be that between Newcastle and Wolverhampton, two speedy, thrustful sides. Newcastle will be without their sharpshooter, Jackie Milburn, the English international centre-forward, who has sustained an old injury, but the Wolves are unlikely to find a winning streak against such strong opposition.

With their international leader, Jack Rowley, back to lead the attack, Manchester United should be too strong against uncertain West Bromwich Albion, who have just parted with the services of their international forward, Jack Haines.

Derby County, with Morris and Steel, international inside forwards, showing brilliant form, are climbing the table after their early misfortunes and should beat Chelsea.

Arsenal, looking for a win, may be too strong in defence for Sunderland.

To avenge defeat. In the Second Division, the League leaders, Tottenham Hotspur, will be out to avenge an early season defeat by Blackburn, the only side to beat them this season.

Since that home lapse, the Spurs have played 18 games without a defeat and look set for promotion, while Blackburn have slipped up at home four times.

Hull and Sheffield Wednesday, pressing Tottenham at the top of the table, each have easy-looking home games against Leicester and Bradford respectively.

Hull include Don Revie, former Leicester star, in their attack and this should give added interest to the game. Bradford will test out Haines, their new capture from West Bromwich.—Reuters.

Indonesian forces moving into Batavia

Batavia, December 22.

The new Indonesian Government announced today that 6,000 Republic of Indonesia troops and police will begin moving into Batavia tomorrow to begin policing the largest city in the Indies.

"If 6,000 are not enough to keep order during the critical period when sovereignty is transferred from the Dutch," said a spokesman for the Indonesian Military Government of Batavia, "we are prepared to move in a larger occupation force."

The Dutch at ceremonies in Amsterdam on Tuesday are to transfer sovereignty over their richest colonial possession to the new United States of Indonesia. The Republic is the largest of the 16 states in the new Government and the only state with an organized army.

The Indonesian spokesman said all 6,000 Indonesian troops would be in Batavia by Tuesday. A vanguard of several hundred Republican troops arrived in Batavia a week ago. The rest of the military forces has been concentrated in nearby towns.

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Royal Navy Soccer Teams

The following are the Royal Navy soccer teams for tomorrow Saturday, December 24:

1st XI against Hong Kong Football Club Ground at Happy Valley, kick-off 4 p.m.

A.B. Chisholm (Jamaica), L/Sea Edge (Black Swan), Yeo Tozer (Tamar), Cpl Dearsley (Jamaica), R.E. Thompson (Stamewaters), S.M. Gilliam (Albion), Mne Sharpe (Jamaica), P.O. Daley (Jamaica), S.M. Spencer (Goswick), Tel Spoor (Tamar) and A.B. Bull (Dampier).

Team Manager: Mr. J.F. Ellis. Sen. Cd P.T. and W.O. R.N. Reserves: Mech. Philpotts (Belfast), O/Sig Ferguson (Belfast), Transport leaves Tamar at 3.15 p.m.

2nd XI against Police on Causeway Bay Ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

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Soccer transfer fees reach new peak

London, December 21.

Prices in the British soccer transfer market, over spiralling upward, reached a new peak with the payment of over £26,000 by the Second Division club, Preston North End, for a Second Division football player who has never played for England—Eddie Quigley, 29-year-old inside-forward of Sheffield Wednesday.

Five clubs have been in the chase for Quigley after Sheffield Wednesday decided to accede to his request for a change of club. He was left to make his own decision among the five—Preston, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Cardiff, Portsmouth and Everton.

In their determination to gain promotion to the First Division, from which they fell last season, Preston spent £44,000 in two days.

The day before they signed Quigley, they gave £18,000 for Forbes, the Wolverhampton Wanderers' half-back or inside-forward.

Last July Quigley threatened to leave football altogether, unless Sheffield Wednesday found him a part-time job or alternatively granted him a transfer.

His differences with the club were settled for a time, but after being dropped from the League side last October he repeated his request for a change of club.

At first Sheffield Wednesday hoped to arrange a player-exchange deal, but last week the directors decided to accept the highest cash offer.

The previous record fee was £24,500, paid by Derby County to Manchester United last year for Johnny Morris, inside-forward.

Morris is an English international playing for a First Division club, but now the huge fee paid for his services has been eclipsed by the payment by a Second Division club for a footballer who has not played for his country.

Stays in same family. The new record, incidentally, stays in the same family, for Morris' Quigley is now, for some time there has been speculation in soccer circles on whether and how the rising transfer trend will be checked.

An official definition of the transfer system recently issued to clubs does not seem to justify the present inflated state of the market. Part of a report of a joint meeting of the Football Association and the Players' Union, it stated that the League transfer system was not an instrument for the

buying and selling of players but was a plan to protect the weaker clubs, to stifle poaching and its cunning approaches, to create a working basis for clubs, to raise the status of the player and to ensure him receiving pay during the summer, and to give both club and player a feeling of permanence.

There are many who feel that the instrument created to further these estimable objectives has got a little out of hand.—Reuters.

IRISH FILLY SOLD TO U.S.

Dublin, December 21. Red Anita, a fast Irish two-year-old filly which won four races this year, has been sold to the United States.

Kerr and Company, a Dublin bloodstock agency, said it has arranged the sale but did not disclose the American buyers.

The Agency said other horses in the consignment included Owen's Cuts, a three-year-old colt by Owenstown; Link Girl and two yearlings, one by Walvis Bay out of September Lady and the other by Hyder Ali out of Roma.—Associated Press.

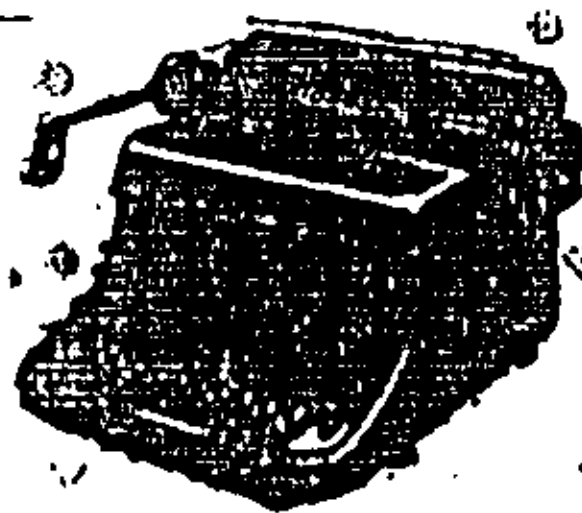
WOODCOCK GOING TO THE STATES. London, December 21. Bruce Woodcock, the British Heavyweight Champion, will go to the United States for a series of exhibition bouts after his championship fight with the American, G. Savold, in London next May.

Mr. Tom Hurst, Woodcock's manager, left London by air today for the United States to make arrangements for the tour, which is expected to take in Chicago, New York and other important cities.—Reuters.

ARMY WIN RUGGER GAME. London, December 21. The Army beat the Territorial Army by 20 points to three in a Rugby Union match played at Northampton today.—Reuters.

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